

BCHRA General Meeting

April 4, 2006

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

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

70 Members and 10 guests were in attendance for a total of 80.

Jim Lyons was pleased to introduce his father **Alex Lyons** as his guest and who was celebrating his **89th** Birthday. Rick Youlds introduced Rodger Manson and Steve Fortune introduced Laurie Mould.

President Harold was also pleased to welcome as **new members: Steve Graw** from Abbotsford who owns a '50 Chevy, and **Catfish Potesta** from Langley who has a '57 Chev Belair & a '64 Valiant.

President Harold was pleased to present plaques to **Ken Dosen & Mike Twitchell** in recognition for outstanding service to BCHRA as board members.

Annual General Meeting:

This particular meeting was also dedicated to be our Annual General Meeting. There was only one item presented for consideration for change to the BCHRA Constitution. The proposed change was included in the March Headliner.

President Harold read out the old section and compared it to the new proposed wording for Section D of the Constitution. **Henry Tjart** suggested that we present this proposed change as a "Special Resolution". It was presented as such; there was a call for a vote; it was carried.

There was a motion to adjourn the AGM and it was seconded.

Minutes were presented. A motion to adopt as read by Gerry, seconded by Tony

Committee Reports:

50th Anniversary Committee Report: Jim Greenwood reported that the Cloverdale location has been secured, the Park has been secured for the Show and Shine; the band has been booked and the venue for the dinner and dance has all been secured. The committee also reminded us that they are welcoming advance registrations and payments for your tickets. The price will be \$100.00 per couple for the whole weekend. **Jim** also mentioned that they were already looking for members to commit to having their ride(s) registered in advance for the Show & Shine. Registration table has been set up for tickets and the Show and Shine.

Bill Townsend reported that in conjunction with our bookings of the venue in Cloverdale for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, our committee was approached by the Cloverdale Rodeo people to consider putting on a Show & Shine in

conjunction with this year's rodeo at the Cloverdale Fair Grounds. The theme for this display will be called "**More Horse Power than Ever Before**". They plan to advertise this special attraction for this year's rodeo. There will be a separate building for our use that will have power for lighting, stanchions, 24 hr. security, and sponsors support. There will be room for 24 rides on display starting Thursday morning through to Sunday night. Yes, we know that this is the long weekend in May. Some will have other plans for that weekend but you can still enter your ride (drop it off Wednesday and pick it up Monday, the day after). Note this is a display only. You are not required to personally stay for the whole event. As a club we really want to do this display for the Rodeo committee, as they are the same people who are giving our club a special deal for the use of their facilities for our **50th Anniversary Celebration** next year. They have on average 80 to 100,000 people attend this event each year and this will be good publicity for **BCHRA** and an opportunity for our club to "Show Case" our quality rides. We will also be able to promote our 50th Anniversary Celebration for BCHRA at this show.

New Rides: Dave Bonneteau was pleased to report that he was the proud new owner of a 1955 Chevy Belair Convertible!!!

Norton Polishing Workshop – Bodo & Renate Reichert reminded us all that their special auto-polishing clinic was the next evening and there was still time to register, if you wanted to come out and learn how to buff your ride into that classic show shine.

Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe advised that all was well with his department.

Membership – Bill Alder was pleased to announce that there were now 245 paid up members as of the start of this meeting. There are a few members renewals still outstanding. This is the cut off for renewal if you still want to receive the Headliner.

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

Web Master - Cam Hutchins reported that all was running well and that he had posted a number of new thumbnail shots of member's rides on the web site, so take a look!!! **Cam** also suggested that there were still a number of club members who as yet did not have their ride included in the 'Members Gallery' on our web site. If you would like to have your ride displayed on our web site, just email or call Cam at 604-574-3611.

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that Paul Taylor from ICBC had advised that the expansion from 1949 up to 1958 for Modified Collector plates would add approximately an additional 6000 cars to the program. He also advised that all of the modifications to the program have been sent to Victoria to be put into legislation. It could be all completed by late June or July.

Harold also announced that the **Steamworks** would be putting on their Labor Day Weekend event. They need ten 1950's custom cars for their event. This is likened to the "Pebble Beach of the North" If you would like to enter your custom 1950's ride, please call Harold at 604-574-5457.

Coffee Break & 50/50 Draw:

Tom Whiffin won the McGuire Wax donated by Bodo
The winner of the 50/50 pot of \$180.00 was **John Reitz** who donated \$20.00 back to the club to go toward donuts for the next meeting. Thanks **John**.

Annual 50's Dance - Bill Townsend reported that all was moving forward very well. Ticket sales were booming !! Make sure to get yours soon. Bill needed some help with props for the dance (they will be returned). He needs a black Top Hat, a ladies wig, and some old fashioned eye glasses. If you can help out, please call Bill at 604-589-3404.

New Business:

Club Store: President Harold was pleased to announce that **Fred Unger** had stepped up to become our new store manager. So **Thank You FRED!!!** He is taking over from **Bruce and Barb Bensmiller**. Thanks again to **Bruce and Barb** for your personal efforts in this special area for our club.

Bill Bradley got up and spoke about his many years as a hot rodder and all of the people who had an influence on his past and present hot rod years. He was thankful for the many great memories and also for the fact that his whole family now have their own hot rods and customs and are following in his footsteps.

Thanks for sharing Bill!!

Tom Whiffin reported **that he had learned that ICBC had denied insurance claims on 8 Modified cars last year**. These claims were denied because these modified cars were improperly registered as "Modified Cars". **It is your responsibility to make sure that your car is properly registered as modified and that all modifications are properly declared!!!! Thanks for the reminder Tom!!**

Bill Alder spoke about his recent trip south to Palm Springs Show and Shine. He had a great time and really didn't want to come home.....and he showed us a picture of a 1957 Chevy Golf Cart. Boy those guys really do get into it down there.

Coming Events:

Jim Lyons is organizing a cruise starting August 17th to Spokane, Pleasanton, Lake View, Lake Tahoe and many stops in between. They plan to take in some shows along the way and end up at the "Good Guys National" in Lake Tahoe. If you would like to join in, give **Jim** a call at **604-853-8222**.

Don't forget to send in your registration in advance for the **50th Anniversary Celebration**. Call **Jim Greenwood at 604-682-2631**.

Motion to adjourn 9:08 pm. by Tony, 2nd by Bodo.

Buy and Sell:

For Sale: Rebuilt 350 Chev long block. \$1000; rebuilt 302 Ford short block 30 over

balanced \$600; 1964 Falcon Futura - 2 dr. hardtop, disc brakes, 8 1/2" Granada

rear end. \$3000. Call Neil Smith @ 604-576-6750 or 604-323-3162.

For Sale: 180 SD Syncrowave (Tig) Welder with argon cylinder. \$1800. Call Bodo Reichert

@ 604-512-6605.

For Sale: 1966 or '67 Nova or Acadian trunk. \$150. Call Kevin McPhedrian @ 604-271-3847.

For Sale: 1953 Ford F100, 6 cyl, 4 sp. \$13,500. Call Jordan McRae @ 604-596-4766.

For Sale: 1963 T-bird, 2 dr., red/red, restored 2003, new carpet, upholstery, springs, exhaust,

silicone brakes, great shape. \$8000 obo. Call Barry Watson @ 604-467-0123 or

kruzer50@hotmail.com

Wanted: 2-14" GM pattern wire wheels, good shape. Call Barry Watson @ 604-467-0123 or

kruzer50@hotmail.com

Spring Dinner & Dance:

Date: Saturday May 13, 2006

Place: West Langley Community Hall, 208th St. & 94th Ave. (Our regular meeting hall)

Time: Doors open 6:30

Ticket price: \$20/person

Dance the night away to **Keith Diamond and the Rockets** plus a scrumpdilicious buffet.

Plus prizes and surprises!

Tickets are going very well so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact **Donna Carvelli at (604) 530-8555** or **Bill Townsend at (604) 589-3404**.

This is going to be a costume party so if you would like to come in costume (**Fifties Rock and Roll**), see if you can borrow your Mom and Dad's clothes from the 50s or your older brother or sister's. If there are tickets left, they will also be on sale at our May club meeting but last year we sold out in advance.

Your help is requested: Does anyone have an old top hat, ladies wig, bandana (such as Willie Nelson wears), a pair of old little round bifocals? As part of this year's dance, we are going to have a short play. Actors will be chosen the night of the dance. No refusals to participate will be accepted by the director in charge. Please contact Bill if you have any of the above items.

If anyone has access to items that could be used as door prizes, all items that are legal would be graciously accepted.

50th Anniversary

The marketing committee would once again like to ask for your assistance in finding leads for individuals or corporations that may consider making cash or "in-kind" donations towards our 50th Anniversary. We have had a limited response to date from club members and we are very pleased with the enthusiasm that has been displayed towards our upcoming event. If a company or individual does come to mind, please contact Art Lyon, Mike Twitchell, or Bill Townsend (604)589-3404.

Easter Sunday

The Totem Model A & T Ford Club has once again sent a reminder to our club inviting all club members and families to attend and/or participate in this year's Easter Parade. The cars from the Pacific Model A & T Club, the Vintage Car Club and the Lions Gate Model A & T Ford Club along with PISRA members will be marshalling at 10:00 – 10:30 on Sunday at the New Westminster Quay, weather permitting. If it is raining, they will be marshalling on the parkade off 6th Street. There will be some small prizes awarded for best Easter costumes, best decorated cars in an Easter theme, etc. These prize winners will be picked by the Easter Bunny and his crew of helpers. Free muffins and coffee will be provided while quantities last. For further information, contact Bill Townsend (604) 589-3404.

Eldon Abercrombie, President, Totem Model A & T Ford Club

Thanks a lot. Bill

Home Built Street Rods

I have a proposal to recognize the home built hotrod, as was built in the late '50's and '60's. I, as well as several others in the club, feel not enough attention is paid on these cars and trucks. All awards and club pictures are concentrated on shiny, new, lots of chrome and factory built parts type of rod. Although, there is nothing wrong with this, there should be an effort to recognize the work and not always the perfect true street rod. Especially as we head for our BCHRA 50th Anniversary.

My thoughts would be to have this class of rod designated at any club function or show, we participate in, having a class for both. The home built to be judged by the amount actually built at home. Like 100 points would be a home-assembled engine, welding and body work. All assembly at home, leaving paint to the experts. Crate engines, would be a loss of say 20 points, body shop assembly a loss of say 30 points, and no loss for glass. Have a group work on the criteria for the judging.

Cliff Tate 604-574-2023 or

ct1940@shaw.ca

CRAYOLA'S ROAR'N THIRTIES CRUISE 2006

For 2006 a cruise has been organized for those interested. The focus is on two Goodguys events, Spokane and Pleasanton. Please make your own reservations if you wish to join the cruise.

The following is the planned itinerary:

Leave Thursday August 17 for Spokane via US 5 and your choice of US2, US20, or US90

SPOKANE - August 17, 18 & 19

Mirabeau Park Hotel 509-924-9000 - \$89. per night plus taxes.

Leave for Pendleton Sunday afternoon via US 90 and US 395.

PENDLETON - August 20

Red Lion Hotel 541-276-6111 - \$67.95 per night plus taxes.

Leave for Lakeview Monday via US 395

LAKEVIEW - August 21

Western Skyline Motor Lodge 541-947-2194 - \$85.46 per night plus taxes

Leave for South Lake Tahoe Tuesday via US 395

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, California - August 22

Rodeway Inn 530-541-7150 (1 1/2 blocks from casinos) - \$58.49 plus taxes

Leave for Pleasanton Wednesday. via US 50

PLEASANTON - August 23, 24, 25 & 26

Extended Stay Deluxe - Chabot Drive 925-730-0000 (800-398-7829)

The idea here is to travel to the coast and make our way home, making reservations as we go. No fixed agenda, as some may want to see the Napa Valley and others the Redwoods and still others may want it all.

For more information contact Wayne Shantz 604-532-7796 or Jim Lyons 604-853-8222.

Upcoming Events:

- Easter Sunday - April 16 26th Annual Totem Model A&T/ Hyack Easter Parade, New West.
- May 19-22 – Blossom Run – Okanagan Rodtiques & Kelowna Kustoms - Summerland.
- May 28 (Sunday) Delaney’s Pub Hot Rod Show & Shine 10-4 – 5665 Kingsway, Burnaby.
- June 3 (Saturday) Hats Off Day 5th Annual Show & Shine 9-2 Burnaby.
- July 9 (Sunday) 7th Annual Car Show for Parkinson – Cruisin the Dub (A&W) – Surrey.
- July 22 (Saturday) 7th Annual Super Summer Nite Car Show – 3-9:00 Kelowna .
- August 5 (Saturday) –10th Annual Blast from the Past Car Show –10-2:00 Coombs -*new date*.
- August 6 (Sunday) Car Show on the Beach in Parksville.

Auto Ownership Can Complicate Estate Planning

Question: I’m helping my Dad to simplify his estate planning. His estate includes a small insurance policy, an RRSP, and a car. Please explain to me what the term “probate” means and, in the event of his death, how would the car be handled in the “probate”??

Answer: Probate is the process whereby the court recognizes the authority of an estate trustee, such as an executor. It confirms this party’s authority to act in your name after your death, with regard to your assets and their distribution accordingly to the direction of the will. If the RRSP and insurance both have a named beneficiary, the proceeds will actually bypass the will and not be subject to probate. The car, on the other hand, is another story. In order for the ownership of the car to transfer to the heir according to the will, ICBC may insist that the will be probated. Typically, if the total value of the estate is greater than \$10,000 (even if the car itself may be worth less than that), in order to convey the vehicle to its new owner, they will require a copy of the probated will. One way to avoid this extra work and cost is to have the ownership of the vehicle transferred into joint tenancy now, or when it is time for him to renew his license and insurance. Fees will apply for registration and new license plate. As with all assets held in joint tenancy, upon the death of either party, the ownership transfers to the surviving owner(s). Providing there are no significant concerns with control, legal issues or exposure to creditors.

Credit The Province....Chris

Carter

ICBC Surplus Keeps Growing

The Consumers’ Association of Canada has called on the ICBC to cut its car insurance rates, after it posted a surplus of \$164 million for the first half of 2005.

In response to improved financial performance, ICBC announced in June it was extending a freeze on basic rates for a third year. It also cut rates for optional insurance by a total of \$100 million, with most of the benefits going to drivers with the cleanest records.

Consumers' Association president Bruce Cran says that's not good enough. He claims ICBC has been instructed by the BC Government to 'hoard' \$1 billion in surplus funds instead of reducing rates.

The BC Government has ordered ICBC to generate massive profits and retain the money rather than immediately lower rates, Cran said in response to the latest ICBC financial figures.

In a quarterly financial report, ICBC says its first-half surplus is down from the same period last year, when the corporation's net income was \$167 million. Insurance cost claims were also up six per cent in the first half of 2005, compared to the same period last year.

ICBC president Paul Taylor says the increased income from premiums results from ICBC selling more optional coverage, and an increase in vehicles on BC roads. Investment made by ICBC also performed better this year from last, earning \$255 million from January to June compared to \$215 million in the same period last year.

ICBC's net income stays in the company as retained earnings to absorb unexpected spikes in claims costs or unanticipated declines in investment income," Taylor said. "ICBC invests its retained earnings and reserves to help keep insurance rates low and stable."

Richmond News.... Tom

Fletcher

Insurance Rates Too High?? Lucky you aren't in Ontario

Ontario drivers are paying nearly twice as much for car insurance as drivers in BC., a new report says. The Consumers' Association of Canada study found that the average annual auto insurance rate in Ontario is \$2,383.64, compared with \$1,324.99 in BC, a difference of about 45 per-cent.

The report, which the association described as the largest auto-insurance study conducted in Canada, is based on nearly four million quotes across 300 different rating groups (including variables such as age, gender, and driving record) in Ontario, Alberta, and BC.

It found that across Ontario, small mid-sized and large communities have higher insurance rates than comparable communities in the western provinces. In Toronto, for example, annual auto insurance costs drivers \$2,950 a year, compared with \$1,753 in Calgary and \$1,493 in Vancouver. Meanwhile, in cities such as Hamilton and London, Ontario, the average annual insurance rates are

\$2,537 and \$2,246 respectively, compared with \$944 a year in similar sized Victoria. Drivers in smaller communities, such as Sault Ste. Marie Ontario, pay \$2,112 each year while drivers in Cranbrook pay \$1,195.

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WINTER CLASSES FOR MEN AT THE LEARNING CENTER

REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2006.

NOTE: DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THEIR CONTENTS, CLASS SIZES WILL BE LIMITED TO 8 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM.

Class 1: How To Fill Up The Ice Cube Trays - Step by Step, with Slide Presentation. Meets 4 weeks, Monday and Wednesday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 2: The Toilet Paper Roll - Does It Change Itself? Round Table Discussion. Meets 2 weeks, Sat. 12:00 for 2 hours.

Class 3: Is It Possible To Urinate Using The Technique Of Lifting the Seat and Avoiding The Floor, Walls and Nearby Bathtub? - Group Practice. Meets 4 weeks, Saturday 10:00 PM for 2 hrs.

Class 4: Fundamental Differences Between The Laundry Hamper and The Floor - Pictures and Explanatory Graphics. Meets Saturdays at 2:00 PM for 3 weeks.

Class 5: After Dinner Dishes - Can They Levitate and Fly Into The Kitchen Sink? Examples on Video. Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 6: Loss Of Identity - Losing The Remote To Your Significant Other. Help Line Support and Support Groups. Meets 4 Weeks, Friday and Sunday 7:00 PM.

Class 7: Learning How To Find Things - Starting With Looking In The Right Places, And Not Turning The House Upside Down While Screaming. Open Forum. Monday at 8:00 PM, 2 hours.

Class 8: Health Watch - Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health. Graphics and Audio Tapes. Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 9: Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost - Real Life Testimonials. Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Location to be determined.

Class 10: Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly While She Parallel Parks? Driving Simulations. 4 weeks, Saturday's noon, 2 hours.

Class 11: Learning to Live - Basic Differences Between Mother and Wife. Online Classes and role-playing. Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.

Class 12: How to be the Ideal Shopping Companion Relaxation Exercises, Meditation and Breathing Techniques. Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 13: How to Fight Cerebral Atrophy - Remembering Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Important Dates and Calling When You're Going To Be Late. Cerebral Shock Therapy Sessions and Full Lobotomies Offered. Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 14: The Stove/Oven - What It Is and How It Is Used. Live Demonstration. Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, location to be determined.

Upon completion of any of the above courses, diplomas will be issued to the survivors. This is for all the guys that can stand the heat, and to all the ladies for the best chuckle of their day!

MAN OF THE HOUSE.

A man had just finished reading the book "Man Of The House" while making his commute home from work.

By the time he reached home, he stormed into the house and walked directly up to his wife, pointing his finger in her face.

He said "From now on I want you to know that I am the man of the house and my word is law! You are to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a scrumptious dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you're going to draw my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

"The Funeral Director would be my guess," said his wife.