

## **\*\*Don't forget September 5<sup>th</sup> BBQ and Meeting 6:00 pm \*\***

**BCHRA General Meeting**

**August 1, 2006**

Meeting held at Deas Island Park, B.C.

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

Harold welcomed everyone to our August Meeting.

67 Members and 11 guests were in attendance for a total of 78.  
We had a parking lot full of awesome rides out to this meeting!!!

New guests were introduced:

- **Mickie Brumpton** – 1972 Chev. pu
  - **Terry Dyck** – 1963 Bel Air Wagon
  - **Gary York** - numerous Corvettes
- (Hope we didn't miss anyone)

President **Harold** welcomed the following new members:

- **Roger Barnes - Surrey**
- **Art Brumpton - Cloverdale**
- **Lorne Kampf - Abbotsford**
- **Harold Smith – South Surrey**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. There were a few corrections noted. Regarding the search for some of the old nostalgic cars of the BCHRA history for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the correct contact person for this project is **Bruce Bensmiller** at **604-534-8310**. **So if you know of who has an old hot rod that is stored away somewhere, we want to know about it so Bruce can contact the owner.** So please call Bruce.

The second error from the last meeting was the **Early Bird Draw for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. **Purchasing your tickets before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 gets your name in the Early Bird Draw for one night at Harrison Mill. The draw will be made at the September annual BBQ Meeting.** So get your tickets now and get in on the draw. Call **Jim Greenwood** at **604-682-2631** or email him [grg@direct.ca](mailto:grg@direct.ca) or **Donna Carvelli** at **604-530-8555**. They will be happy to register you.

The third correction had to do with the ICBC rules regarding the sale / purchase of a modified car here in BC. The rules state that the new owner of the previously registered “**Modified Car**” will still have to reapply for their own Modified plate. All of the requirements for applying will have to be met as would any other new application (air care, pictures etc.) If the car has already been registered as a “modified car”, there will be no need to repeat this part of the process. If however, the car has not been registered as a modified car, then all of the steps required to have it registered as modified (safety inspection, list of modifications, pictures, receipts etc.) will have to be taken before you can apply for the modified collector plate.

Move to accept minutes as corrected by **Tony Stoter** and 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Jerry Carvelli**.

**President Harold** made note of the personal efforts of **Tony Stoter** for arranging the venue for this August meeting. Thank you **Tony!!**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe**, reported on the past months activities with brisk club store sales and the purchase of new inventories. All is well with the treasury.

**Membership – Bill Alder**, announced that we now have 272 active paid up members.

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

**Web Master Cam Hutchins** – announced that there were a number of great pictures now up on the web site from the garage tour held at Gordon and Audrey Stebanuk’s place.

**SVA – Harold Wellenbrink** Harold had a follow up report regarding the issue of one or two VIN # plates needed for application of your collector plate. As it now stands, ICBC has changed their position on this requirement. They now accept the original serial number plate on the car as all that is needed. They want the number and the location of the serial number plate or stamp. A picture would be a good idea as well.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report – Jim Greenwood** reported that there were many great things progressing with the many committees. He was particularly focused on the need for input from the members for their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Web Site**. They need and want your help to send in additional old pictures with short stories that go with the pictures of car of the past, events or cruises that were attended. Their hope is to keep the input continually growing and interesting for those who will be checking in on a regular basis. So come on and get with it!!! Every member could send in at least one picture and a short story about the people or the event captured in the picture. Check out the web site by clicking on the link on the BCHRA web site. **Dale Ducommum** is the web master for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee. His email is **[daled@telus.net](mailto:daled@telus.net)** or phone **604-944-4688**. **Let’s all get involved and make a contribution!!! It’s easy to do.** Call and they will help you with how to put it together!!!

**Jim Greenwood** also noted that they are planning a special recognition display at the event where hot rodders of the past (who have passed on before us) who were active in

the hobby, will be recognized. They need names, contacts, pictures of rides and people for this display. They are in the process of reviving an old historic hot rod for the centerpiece of this display, where those who were a part of our history will be remembered. So, please help out where you can with a name or a contact or a picture or two. **Call Jim at 604-682-2631 or email [grg@direct.ca](mailto:grg@direct.ca)**  
All leads will be followed up and handled with due care.

### **Coffee break**

#### **50/50 Draw:**

Two special Tee Shirts were donated by **Catfish Potesta**. The first winner was **Henry Tjart** and the second winner was a brand new member **Art Brumpton**. **Many thanks Catfish!**

Also donated for this month's draw were two special package deals donated by **Roger Barnes from A&W**. The package contained an A&W window tray two large A&W root beer mugs, and two 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary tee shirts. The lucky winners were **Norm Flewwelling and Jim Greenwood**. **(We are all "Orange with envy") Many thanks to Roger!!!!**

The winner of the 50/50 cash totaling \$129.50 was one of our guests for this meeting and father to one of our newest members (a hot rodder himself) **Mickey Brumpton**. And yes even guests contribute \$20.00 of their winnings back to the coffee fund for the next meeting. Thank you **Mickey**.

**Special Thanks to the "Biggs Team"** for making the supreme effort to have all of the cold drinks on ice (pop & water) and the eats brought out for our meeting, out in the park. It was appreciated by all of us.

### **Event Reports:**

**GARAGE TOUR:** **Pete Graw** reported on the fantastic turn out for the garage tour at Gord & Audrey Stebanuk's place. Our hosts were the best! There was abundant food (cold cuts, buns, sandwiches, and freshly baked cookies) as well as drinks for all. We were all treated to great tours of their garages and shops and their nostalgic 50's restaurant inside their home. There were 40 to 45 cars out for the cavalcade, from the mall to the Stebanuk's place and about 90 people had a chance to look and see all of their collection. This was a huge success and a great time for all that attended. **Many thanks to Gord and Audrey for being such great hosts and to Pete Graw for making the arrangements.**

**Burn Run:** **Tom Whiffin** reported on this years event and noted that there was a great turn out with 92 motor bikes, 8 Corvettes, and 10 hot rods. They raised over \$14,000.00 this year from tee shirt and sweatshirt sales, which was a record amount. Some of the funds are used to buy a gift for each child that is a guest at this camp. The rest goes to help pay for the costs of putting on this week long camp for children who are burn victims. All guests come at no expense to them. All transportation costs meals and accommodations for the week are paid for and the total runs well into the 6 figure category. **So thanks to all of our members who took their time and their cars up to the burn camp this year.** And lets not forget that **this year's winner of the Peoples Choice Award**, as the best hot rod there was none other than **Bill Alder with his 55**

**Chevy!! Way to go Bill!!** Look for his car to be featured on next years Burn Camp Tee Shirt.

There were club members mentioned regarding serious illness, hospital stays and pending surgeries. Terry Rea, Greg Weller, Dan Maxwell, Bob Ewen and Jerry Williams are experiencing some serious medical issues and that we will be sending out get well cards. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**\*September 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting and BBQ will be held at our West Langley Hall location. The BCHRA executive will be manning and sponsoring this event this year. So please plan to attend this meeting. Bring your spouse, your ride, and lawn chairs!!! Please note, this event is for club members and spouse only. Please No Guests this time. Thank you.**

One last note worthy item was brought up by one of our members whose initials are J.C. He was offering a note of caution for all to be aware that the State of Washington has a no tolerance policy regarding “**burning rubber**”. In fact they treat every one the same way when caught participating in such an event on their fine streets. They will issue a “**one size fits all**” ticket for **\$583.00 US Funds**. So consider yourself informed!!!

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm by Jim Greenwood. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Graw.

### **Buy & Sell**

**For Sale:** 1958 Chevy pick up, 350 small block running, rebuilt 700r4 auto transmission,  
step side bed, new wiper motor, new front window, dual master cylinder,  
bench  
bucket seat, CD player, black in color, after market wheels, after market exhaust, needs some body work. \$6,000 obo. Call Lloyd @ 604-715-9812.

**For Sale:** 351 Windsor fresh complete air filter to starter \$2800. C6 fresh shift kit \$900; 1940 LED taillight set (technostalgia) \$150. Call Jim Lyons @ 604-853-8222.

**For Sale:** 1960-64 Chev. body and mechanical parts. Call Bob Hnatyszen @ 604-813-4433.

**Wanted:** 409 engine and parts. Call Bob Hnatyszen @ 604-813-4433.

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### **A note from the ‘ROCK’ to keep in touch!!**

Well, summer’s finally here and the show’n’shine season is really under way, with many events already over. Every year a few fresh cars appear, as well as the many familiar rods and customs that have been around for many years. Occasionally, a car shows up that triggers a memory from ‘way back, say the seventies, no, the sixties, maybe earlier? (Geez, am I that old?) That happened to me a couple of weeks ago, while prowling a few garage sales looking for some parts and pieces for my ride.

First, I found a stock, and rather neglected ‘46 or ‘47 Ford Tudor, and made note of the address, just in case I hear of someone looking for a project. Then, a little further down

the road, another sign, I stopped and walked into the yard and ignoring the usual sale items, household goods, baby stuff, I saw it. It was covered in dust, had a bunch of things, intended for sale, leaning against the flat front tire, in fact, all the tires were flat.

I ran a hand over the cowl, and wiped off a few years' dust, revealing an aged blue metal flake paint job. Under a canvas tarp was a not unexpected Chevy small block, probably a 350. Pulling back the tarp a little more showed a Model T rad shell, as well as a chromed front axle, spring, shocks, exhaust, as well as a pair of not-so-shiny aluminum valve covers. Around back, huge, fat, and flat tires supported a Ford 9 inch rear end. The windshield sloped forward at a weird angle, as did the roof, like a caricature by "Big Daddy Ed Roth" himself.

It didn't take more than a second to realize I'D SEEN THIS CAR BEFORE! Back in the sixties I saw this "T" under construction in the garage of Don Campbell. Don built a few neat cars back then, a great '47 Ford Tudor, and a far out widened and chopped, (I think) Dodge van, complete with closed circuit TV.

Campbell was a member of the 'West Point Kustoms' of Vancouver and later worked for ICBC as an instructor.

The car, known as "T for Two", a "clone" of the famous "Uncertain T" from California, has fallen on hard times, but maybe the present owner could be persuaded to get it back in street condition or sell it to someone who will.

Street rods from this era are important to our local hot rodding history and should be preserved. One of our members once suggested we hunt for some of our lost "heritage hot rods", how about trying to find a few of these for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion?"

Many of these cars are still around, like Fred Welsh's 40 Ford, Jack Williams' Syndicate dragster, and Carl Tjorholm's deuce roadster. Gary Lang's "T" roadster from the 70's is being rebuilt by its' present owner. What about cars like Ron Farmer's (Frank Kish) "A" pickup, or Dan Maxwell's 29 A pickup, built by Jim Johnston? Someone knows where these cars are hiding. I'd like to propose that we try to find some of these cars for the reunion; they'd make a great display. The list of lost cars is long, and includes names like Dave Shorter, Harry Dashevsky, Cliff Rich's "Lemon Street Coupe", and more. We know where Cort Elliot's 51 Chev is, and Jim McGowan's "Apache", and Harvey Funk's 41 coupe. Now let's find more of the "Heritage Hot Rods"!!

**Jack Schmidt**, from the 'ROCK'

(Nanaimo) \*\*\*\*\*

### **Bel Air Nomad: Car designed for show made to build on Corvette's success.**

Have you ever wondered where the name station wagon came from? Up until 1922, they were known as Depot Hacks when suddenly they became station wagons. A wagon once was used to move cargo and or passengers keeping them dry, from the railway station. In 1950, wagons amounted to only three per cent of total vehicle production, but by the end of the decade, the figure had

jumped to 17 per cent. In 1958, the station wagon was the best seller in the entire Plymouth vehicle model range.

It is hard to believe that the 1955 Chevrolet Nomad started as a practical joke. Preparing for the 1954 Motorama in New York, GM wanted something to top the huge success of the 1953 Corvette.

They turned up with the three Corvette show cars. One was the spruced up Corvette with wind-up windows and exterior door handles. The second was a fastback coupe called the Corvair. The third, and this was the joke, was a Corvette wagon dubbed the Nomad.

This experiment, mated to the front end of the 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air with its bulbous hood, single eyebrow headlights, stylish grille complemented with the curved side glass and forward slanting tailgate, was a hit and became the Bel Air Nomad. As the most expensive (\$300 more than the convertible) model in the Bel Air range, it was discontinued within three years.

Approximately 22,375 Nomads were manufactured between 1955 and 1957. GM continued to produce a four-door wagon and used the Nomad name, but it certainly did not have the cult following of the original two-door version.

Last year, GM built a concept retro Nomad that looked an awful lot like the original concept Corvette Nomad...who knows what will happen to it!

**Nigel Matthews is the appraiser of vintage and collector cars for the ICBC.** ICBC's Collector Car program assists enthusiasts in the licensing and insurance of antique and collector vehicles. Learn about the program by typing "collector car" in the search box at [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com) or call 604-661-2201.

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\*\* Congratulations to **Tony Stoter**, he won **FIRST** for his '55 Chevy's upholstery at the Forton's Car Show in Chilliwack on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>. **Way to go Tony !!**  
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Bob Whitehead's gorgeous '34 Ford Roadster won 'Best of Show'. Gorgeous paint job !!

### **A 'Must Read': for the Buy and Sell this month**

Must Sell - Before it blows up.

Runs Fine - I was going to say, "runs excellent" but I had a last minute attack of conscience.

Needs Some Body Work - Was sideswiped by a Winnebago.

Well maintained - I occasionally change the oil.

Looks Like New - Just don't try to drive it anywhere.

All Original - I never had anything fixed, adjusted, or replaced.

Loaded With Options - Each one more troublesome than the last.

Never Smoked In - Unfortunately, that's the best thing I can say about it.


Project Car - I can't figure out how to finish it and I doubt you will either.

Lots of Potential - To drive you insane.

Needs Minor Repair - Doesn't run.

Engine Quiet - Uses 90-weight oil

Parts Car - Beyond repair.



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Rough Condition - Too bad to lie about.  
Immaculate - Recently washed.  
Concours - Recently waxed.  
Needs Minor Overhaul - Needs engine.  
Needs Major Overhaul - Phone the junkyard.  
Burns No Oil - It all leaks out.  
Rebuilt Engine - Cleaned the spark plugs.  
Drive It Anywhere - I live on a hill.  
Drive It Anywhere - Within 10 miles.  
Desireable Classic - No one wants it.  
Rare Classic - No one wanted it even when it was new.  
Stored 20 Years - In a farmer's field.  
Ran When Stored - Won't start.  
Never Apart - Bolts too rounded to loosen.  
Solid As A Rock - Rusted solid  
Restored With 0 Miles - Won't start.  
Restored With 2 Miles - Won't stay running.  
Older Restoration - First owner washed it.  
Good Investment - Can't be worth much less.  
No Time To Restore It - Can't obtain parts.  
95% Complete - Other 5% doesn't exist.  
Clean - Homeless dude at 5th and Main did the windows.  
Good Transportation - It's ugly as sin.  
Engine Blueprinted - I don't know what it means either.  
Excellent Gas Mileage - It's slow.  
Low Miles - The odometer was turned back.  
One Owner - Can't give it away.  
Sure to Appreciate - That's why I'm selling it. . Or Best Offer - I'm guessing here.  
Faster Than A 'Vette - A Chevette.  
Other Interests Conflict - Spouse's ultimatum: "Either that #!!@&## thing goes or I do!"  
He let the wife go !!

**Sechelt 'Sleepy Hollow' - August 11-13 - Just what are they doing???** Send pictures, of your favorite show, to our webmaster - [camhutchins@shaw.ca](mailto:camhutchins@shaw.ca)







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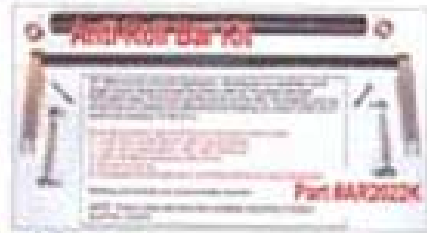
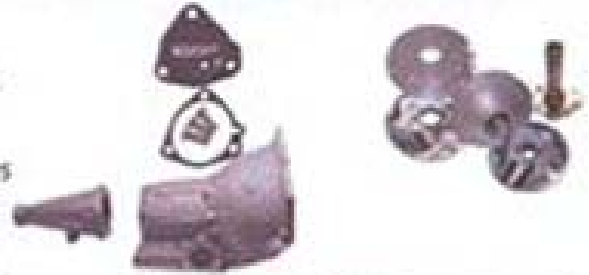


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