

BCHRA General Meeting

May 2, 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.

Harold welcomed everyone to our May Meeting.

60 Members and 11 guests were in attendance for a total of 71.

Guests: **Jim Fleck, Tom Young** and the youngest ever, upcoming member 4 yr old **Seth** who brought along his '57 Chevy (hot wheel car) to show all interested members.

New Rides: **Jim Lyons** was pleased to announce that he was the proud new owner of a 1939 Ford Cabriolet (temporarily powered by F O R D but soon to be remedied). So **Congrats Jim!!**

Our new "Store Manager" **Fred Unger** was on the job bright and early for this months meeting. **Welcome to your new position Fred.**

Minutes were read. Motion to adopt by Barry Regan Sr., seconded by Barry Regan Jr.

Committee Reports:

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

Membership – **Bill Alder** was pleased to announce that we now have as many members now as it used to cost to buy a case of beer in 1950. The number is 250 paid up members as of the start of this meeting.

Newsletter – **Darlene Driedger** announced that all is well with the production of the Headliner. She took a survey, of all members in attendance, to make sure they were getting their copy of the Headliner. Nice going **Darlene**.

Web Master - Cam Hutchins reported that all was running well and that he had added a few more members rides to the 'Members Gallery'. **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 site just email Cam at camhutchins@shaw.ca or call Cam at 604-574-3611.

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that all was progressing well with ICBC and that Victoria should be done with the new legislation and pricing of coverage for the new makes and models for 1949 to 1958. Harold also was pleased to announce that they were making progress on the issue of Vintage car accessories and having them included as acceptable parts for the vintage cars under collector plates. More on that later.

It was also announced that **Cliff Haller** was the new treasurer for SVA as he had taken over from **Henry Tjart**. **The SVA Web Site** should be up and running soon. There will be a link from the **BCHRA Web Site** as soon as it is ready to go.

50th Anniversary Committee Report: Bill Townsend reported that they had secured our first corporate sponsor and that there were 4 or 5 more in the negotiation stage. So this was moving along nicely. Bill also stresses that the committee was welcoming early registrations for the Anniversary Event and that all members who plan to attend could help out the cause by registering early. The application is posted on the **BCHRA** web site and, you can call **Bill Townsend** to register or even register at any meeting. See the additional article and registration form, in this newsletter. Bill also advised us that they hoped to have a sample of the graphic design for the T Shirt, that they have put together, for the next meeting.

Annual 50's Dance- Bill Townsend had a good news, bad news report.....The bad news was that the band wanted a stage installed. The good news was that he has found a company that rents portable stages and will deliver it, set it up and then pick it up the next day. We however were responsible for the de-constructing and moving it outside for pick up. So Bill is looking for volunteers to help take the stage down after the dance. He also needs some more help with the clean up team for Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Please step up and offer your services to Bill. He can't be expected to do it all by himself!!!! **Call Bill Townsend at 604-589-3404 to get on the team.**

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AND DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS. The 50's Dance event is SATURDAY MAY 13th. Best Value around for an evening of entertainment, a meal and a live band!!!!!! CALL BILL 604-589-3404!!!!!!!! Don't miss out!!!! All of your friends will be there!!!!

Norton Polishing Workshop – Bodo & Renate Reichert had a very successful and well attended event. There was much to learn about the fine art of polishing paint to a show class shine. All those that wanted were able to learn with “Hands ON the tools” All those that attended won a variety of door prizes. Thank you again for sponsoring this great event **Bodo & Renate**.

Coffee Break & 50/50 Draw:

The Norton Racing Hat donated by **Bodo** was won by **Mel Scott**

The McGuire Wax donated by **Bodo** was won by **Ron Miller**

The winner of the 50/50 pot of **\$163.00** was **Pete Graw** who donated \$20.00 back to the club to go toward purchasing donuts for the next meeting. Thanks **Pete**.

New Business:

President Harold announced that our very long term member **Don Rapeer** was retiring from the post of ‘**Official Coffee Break provider**’ and that we are looking for someone who can prepare the coffee and bring the snacks for each meeting beginning next meeting. (June 6th). **Please call Harold @ 604-532-0770** if you can contribute to this posting. This is the most popular job in the club. What a great way to get to know more of our members!!!

Many Thanks to Don Rapeer for your very reliable and committed contributions to our meetings. Coffee breaks wouldn’t be the same with out you there looking after us all!!!! We all agree that it has been a job well done!!! **Thank you Don**.

President Harold introduced some guests that were missed earlier in the meeting. **Mel Giesbrecht** was out to see our club. He has a 65 GTO, 65 Beaumont, and a 72 Olds 442. Also missed were **Myla & Steve Barker**.

President Harold advised us all that the club was in the process of renewing our contract with the Langley Township for the rental of our meeting hall for another year.

JULY MEETING: Please be reminded in advance that our usual July meeting will again be held at the **Valley Equestrian Therapeutic Center on 232 Street** (south of highway #1 about half a mile on the east side of the street). So mark you calendars now!!!

August Meeting: Our usual August meeting is held at a remote location away from the meeting hall. There was discussion as to what might be a good option for us to consider this year. There was agreement that **Tony Stoter’s** suggestion of **Deas Island Park** would be a great location to check out. **Tony** offered to check it out for us and to find out if the park could be reserved for our Tuesday evening meeting.

Cloverdale Rodeo Show: Jerry Carvelli reported on the progress of the special **BCHRA** showing for their rodeo this year. All cars must be in the building and set up before the scheduled Press Conference that will kick off the event. The press conference will take place with all of our cars in the background. If you need any directions or assistance, please call **Jerry at 604-530-8555**. **Jerry** will be on site to co-ordinate the set up on the 17th as well as the 18th for those who are displaying at this event.

Lois Wilson reported that there was a motorcycle and hot rod run/fund raiser for **B.C. Children's Hospital Cancer Ward**. This event will be held on **May 28th** with a pancake breakfast at 7:00 am and the run begins at 9:00 am. For more information please call Lois @ 604-856-8218.

Delaney's Pub Show & Shine will also be held on **May 28th** at **5665 Kingsway Avenue Burnaby**. **Free Registration plus one Free Breakfast for each vehicle registered** Remember this is the fine establishment that caters our annual dinner at the Dance each May, as well as our annual BBQ each summer. So let's get out there and support **Delaney's First Annual Show & Shine Sunday May 28th**. For any additional information on this soon to be great event, please call **Bill Folks @ 604-433-8942**.

Abbotsford Show: Jim Lyons, Harold Wellenbrink and Keith Bidellcombe all entered their rides. **Jim won 2nd for Street rod class** and **Harold won \$400.00 prize for the best display**.

Ron Miller reported on the Good Guys show in Delmar California. He was very impressed with the huge number of entries (over 3000 cars). He was also very impressed with the very high quality of hot rods there. He was also quick to point out that there were several Canadian entries there that were all in the same league for quality.

Henry Tjart & Gordie Koropchuk reported that they had both gone to Edmonton Alberta for a great show there. **Gordie's Willis was voted as the most wanted to drive vehicle in the whole show. Way to go Gordie!!!** Both **Gordie and Henry** won trophies for their entries.

Pete Graw put forth a motion to have **Frank Kish** awarded the second only '**Honorary Life Time Membership Award**' for his tireless contributions to **BCHRA** over the past **50** years. There were several members present that got up and spoke about their memories of **Frank** and all the hard work that he did over the years and how he was instrumental in the original beginnings as well as the revival of **BCHRA** over 10 years ago. The motion was seconded by **Dave Wilson**. **It was put to a vote and was carried unanimously!!**

President Harold advised the members that he would have the special wording for a plaque prepared at the next executive meeting and then arrangements would be made for us to go out to Frank's place to present it to him personally.

Last but not least, we were pleased to have one of our newer members **Grant Chitty** stand up and tell us his background and history in Hot Rodding. **Grant's** origins in this sport go all the way back to New Zealand where he lived and worked in a smaller community of about 30,000 people. We heard about the two main hot rod clubs in his town and how one club was family oriented and the other was the rough and tough crowd. They did not have the typical hot rod parts stores there so they had to be creative and build a lot of parts from scratch. One of these pioneers back then now runs a very successful custom suspension company called 'Rods by Reid' and can be located by using Google.

Grant moved to Canada and one of his first projects here was a '79 Z28 which he beefed up and modified to perfection. Then he shipped this beauty back to New Zealand where he sold it for a "Small Fortune". It was great to learn more about Grant and his love for our hobby. Thanks Grant!

**** Don't forget to send in your registration in advance for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Call Jim Greenwood at 604-682-2631 or Bill Townsend at 604-589-3404. Registration form enclosed on back page ****

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Buy & Sell

For Sale: 1929 Ford Phaeton, 1/2 restored, new American tires and mags, fresh 327, 9" Ford rear end, 4 wheel disc, many more to mention. \$30,000. 1937 Ford sedan Delivery, #1 show car. Phone for more details. Call Tom Pederson @ 604-463-7293 or cell 604-240-9103.

For Sale: 1956 Dodge Coronet, 2 dr, 315, super red ram auto \$3000; Chev big block hugger street rod headers (brand new) \$125; 1974 Plymouth Baracuda-needs total resto \$5000. Call Dave Horton @ 604-856-1453.

For Sale: Have you been looking for a license Guard for a 1949-1952 Chevy/Pontiac front or back bumper? The ones I found were either pitted really bad, rusted or bent out of shape so I decided to remanufacture my own out of 14 ga. cold rolled steel. I now have started re-manufacturing them for others and selling them throughout the US and Canada . These guards are unfinished and ready for chrome or paint. The cost per piece \$100.00. If interested please call: Steve Graw 604-850-8758 or email blueflamesix235@yahoo.ca

50th Anniversary June 15th, 16th & 17th, 2007

Registration is available now from Donna Carvelli (604) 530-8555 or from the **50th Anniversary** website www.bchra.org then link to **50th Anniversary** and you can print a file able form from the site. Registration is \$50 per person, which will include a full buffet dinner on Saturday night plus all other activities that are part of the Anniversary event.

Registration is open to **BCHRA club members** and spouses now. After September 30th registration will be open to all past car club members and others.

We have heard from several past car club members such as 'The Dragons', 'Cam Jammers', 'Shifters', 'West Rods', and 'Renegades' who are planning to attend and are organizing their past members so they can make up tables at the banquet and renew old friendships and reminisce. As part of our celebrations, there will be a collection of memorabilia from all car clubs that have made up the **BCHRA** over the past 50 years.

The Saturday car show is being held at the **Millenium Park at 64th Ave. & 176th St.** It is shaping up to be quite an interesting collection of street rods, in many cases that have not been seen for decades. We have also heard that some of these nostalgic cars are being refurbished just for this event. This, combined with our existing club members' vehicles, and others from the public, will provide a once-in-a-lifetime collection of cars from the past to the present.

Please register as soon as possible, which will in turn, help the committee with their ongoing planning and expenses and will ensure a great event. Registration form included in this Headliner.

Upcoming Events:

May 19-22 – Blossom Run – Okanagan Rodtiques & Kelowna Kustoms - Summerland.

May 22 –Costco Charity Show & Shine - Abbotsford

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.

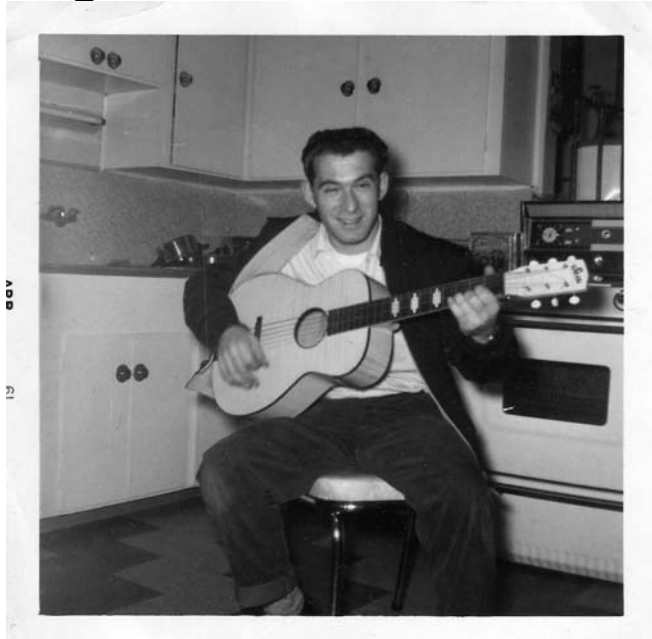
June 4 – Model A Sunday – Ft. Langley.

June 16-18 – Cruisin & Rockin at the Beach – Qualicum Beach.

June 18 - Fathers Day - Old Car Sunday in the Park – Mission.

June 25 – Chilliwack Downtown Village Classic – Chilliwack.
 July 1 - Langley Canada Days – Langley
 July 9 (Sunday) - 7th Annual Car Show for Parkinson – Cruisin the Dub (A&W) – Surrey.
 July 16 – Minter Gardens Concours Classic – (not for Ken Dosen) – Rosedale.
 July 22 (Saturday) - 7th Annual Super Summer Nite Car Show – 3-9:00 Kelowna
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 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.
 August 7 (Monday) – Fortin’s Show & Shine & 60th Anniversary – Chilliwack.
 August 11-13 – 11th Sleepy Hollow Run – Sechelt.
 September 3 (Sunday) – Fifty 5-6-7 All Club Picnic – Aldergrove Lake.
 September 8-10 Langley Good Time Cruise-In – Langley.

Darlene’s Guess Who
Can anyone tell me who this young handsome boy is ??
Call me @ 604-530-8043 with the correct answer.



Picture taken in April 1961

My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, “Where did this guy live?”

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into the living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it, to make sure everything was still ok. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far, the story is humorous – in a “that is what you get for bringing a motorcycle into the house” kind of way.

But here is where I really split a gut. Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home, and dumped the bowl of gasoline into the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband’s scream. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard they dropped the stretcher, and broke the guys collarbone. Talk about instant Karma.

by Rebecca Dudley News-Tribune

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This is Cam, our webmaster, taking pictures at the Seattle Roadster Show. Now it's our turn to take a picture of Cam.



