



BCHRA GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 6, 2007

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Harold welcomed back **Rolly Cole** and **Terry Rea** from serious ailments. Congratulations Guys!!!! 92 members and 7 guests in attendance.

New Members: Sylvia Braddick, Gerry Simons, Fred Kirby, Rich Ulvid, Dan Roux, Mick Elash, Ed Kushner, & Gord Evans were welcomed.

There are 231 paid up members

Minutes were highlighted to allow time for guest speakers.

Newsletter: **Darlene** reported there are still spaces available for advertising.

Website: **Grant Chitty** and **Cam Hutchins** were complimented for their tireless work updating our '**50th Anniversary**' website. Cam requested the assistance of a volunteer member to help with our main website.

50th Anniversary Committee: **Jim Greenwood** reported that our committee members are working hard and great progress is being made. Ticket sales must increase quickly!!! **Mike Twitchell** reported that our posters have been distributed throughout the Lower Mainland, the Interior and North Country. Further distribution is required in Washington State. **Fred Kirby** was thanked for arranging Global's Mike McCardal's Sunday Evening coverage of our North Van gang's 23 "T" restoration project. **Bill Townsend** stated that he would be participating in the April Tradex Show. **Harold Swift** will co-ordinate.

Harold read out a letter of appreciation from Audrey Stebanuk and Wayne Webb of SRO Promotions for our support and participation in their 'World of Wheels Show'. A special thank you was extended to **Donna and Jerry Carvelli** for their tireless effort setting up and co-ordinating our 60 plus car display.....Fantastic job, once again, **Donna and Jerry** as well as our members who participated and helped!!!!

Guest Speaker **Nigel Mathews with Specialty Vehicles, ICBC**, presented an impressive slide show of **Jay Leno's** personal automobile collection. Nigel received a personal invitation from Jay to tour his 25 million dollar accumulation of cars, trucks and related memorabilia housed in four buildings totaling 80,000 sq. ft. located in Burbank, California. This was a rare and very special opportunity for Nigel as this

collection is not open to the public and Jay is very particular and selective as to those permitted to view his facility and even more restrictive to those allowed to photograph his display. Thank you Nigel for sharing your experience with our club!!!

Coffee Break – 50/50 DRAW

Maquire Cleanup Kit donated by **Bodo** and won by **Rick Dyble**. 50/50 \$226 pot won by **Lorraine Bigg**, thanks for the \$20 donation of next month's donuts.

Lois Wilson, on behalf of the B.C. Kidney Foundation, spoke to the membership and presented associated slides on the very important subject of **'The Organ Donor and Transplant Program'** and the need to increase the number of donors. Supporting pamphlets and registration forms were made available. Please seriously consider this opportunity to contribute to a very worthy cause....**Thank you Lois** for this very informative presentation.

John Carlson, long time **BCHRA** member and current chairman of the **NAAACCC** presented us with a very informative update of the association's past achievements and current actions. **John** invited our membership to rejoin the **NAAACCC** and to seriously consider the insurance coverage also offered.

Storage for Club Assets: As **Don Rapeer** will be travelling extensively, access to our club stuff that he has generously stored over the years will be limited. We have made arrangements for new storage locations as follows:

Stanchions – **Drew DeHaan**

Magazines and Printed Material – **Keith Biddlecombe**

Miscellaneous Containers – **Harold Swift**

Storage for car club photo panels and the club plaque display panel is still required.

Action: April meeting.....Thanks again to **Don Rapeer**.....Also thanks to **Drew, Keith and Harold**.

Good of the Order: **Harvey Funk** reported that **Enzo Nadalin** had been hospitalized.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Buy & Sell

For Sale: SBC 461 heads 62 cc, 2.02, 1.60, bare with or without acc. bolt holes. \$350.
383 stroker short block, new. \$2500; bucket seats, 6 way power out of Buick. \$200
Call Neil Smith @ 604-576-6750.

For Sale: 1958 331 cu.in. Chrysler Marine Hemi engine, steel crank, mech. valvetrain, etc.
\$1800; 1956 Dodge Coronet 2dr., 315 Red Ram auto., rebuilt motor, runs exc., needs finishing. \$3500; 1956 Dodge Royal Lancer, fresh 354 Hemi, 75% finished. \$12,500;
Dodge A-body small bolt pattern, 83/4 rear end housing with axels \$450.
Call Dave Horton @ 604-856-1453.

For Sale: 1937-38 Chev. Coupe running boards. \$275. Call Brian @ 604-530-8043

HELP !! I need to find someone that can re-build our tried and true 1948 Chrysler straight six flat head. I have checked and the parts are available. If anyone is interested or knows someone that does work on older cars please give me a call. Thanks, Jim (604) 682-2631 or email byjames@look.ca

Nigel Matthews: BC's Automotive Storyteller

If you read about cars, you'll recognize Nigel Matthews' name. His articles appear weekly in 'The Province' and other publications.

His vast knowledge of cars serves him well in his position as manager of ICBC's Specialty Vehicle Licence and Insurance department, as well as in his writing, which is mostly done on his own time.

His expertise has resulted in him judging at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (one of only four Canadian judges in its 55 year history), and rubbing shoulders with collectors from all over the world, including TV's Tonight Show host Jay Leno, "A fellow member of Gearheads Anonymous," Nigel jokes.

He describes his famous friend as very down-to-earth. "We're just two car guys who got talking about things that interest them and hit it off."

Originally an autobody technician who worked on high-end brands such as Rolls-Royce, Maserati and Ferrari, Nigel now possesses the agreed value collector policies, confirming the value of individual collector vehicles.

The collector classification was created in an effort to retain BC's automotive heritage after the provincial government closed the provincial car museum in Cloverdale in 1989, selling its hundreds of vehicles.

"The program is working incredibly well right now," Nigel says. Nostalgic baby boomers continue to drive their old cars while ICBC earns premiums on vehicles that likely wouldn't be insured at all, at normal rates, and that generate very few claims.

Plus, Nigel points out, "Most collectors are among our best customers. They have multiple vehicles and they're RoadStar Golds; we want to retain those customers."

His work has made Nigel privy to interesting historical tidbits about old cars and their owners. "Every car has a story," he says. "I get lots of calls for advice; people think I'm the Dr. Phil of the old car industry."

For a self-professed Gearhead, it doesn't get much better than that.

Nancy Painter
The Province



Tonight Show host Jay Leno and ICBC's Nigel Matthews, pictured here in Leno's workshop, share a love of old cars.

** **Correction** from last months (February) Headliner. The person to contact for **BCHRA** jackets, denim shirts, and t-shirts is **Drew de Haan @ 604-534-0652**.
(not Fred Unger) Sorry Fred, for the misunderstanding.

Darlene....

Bob!

Bob forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!"

The next morning Bob got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused but excited, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new Bathroom scale.

Bob has been missing since Friday.....

99 Days to go! BCHRA 50th Celebration

Hey, just **99** days to go!!!! Have you sent in your registration and shirt orders yet? If not, you had better get cracking!!!

We need a favour. We are hearing back from various sources that this event is only for **BCHRA** members. This is NOT true. We need to get the word out that this event is for anyone who has a passion for extraordinary cars! If you have friends who would like to come.... get em registered now. **All are welcome.**

We have limited space for the Show & Shine, however we have arranged for the potential of over 1000 for the Banquet. We do need your registrations as early as possible.... pleeeeeeease!

Did you all see **Sylvia Braddick** and **Stu's T** rebuild on **Mike McCardell on Global TV last Sunday?** If not, we hope to have it up on the web site soon. You can also check out the article in the latest **Canadian Hot Rods and Classics** magazine or the www.bchra50.org web site under "**RIP Rodding in Peace**" for more information. This is a very cool project being performed by a bunch of North Shore Hot rodders.

Also, you should be seeing posters up at locations all over BC by now promoting the event. We also have some cool trader cards, you will be receiving one of these each at the event. If you need posters for promotional use for your area, please contact **Mike Twitchell** at 604-946-6440. Most lower mainland and Interior locations are already taken care of.

One last thing, did you all see the **BCHRA** display at the 'World of Wheels' show at the Tradex 2 weeks ago? We had 61 cars there in one area including the 3 cars that show on the poster. Photos can be seen at www.carnut.biz, look for the link in the top left corner. The Seattle Roadster show is there too.

Primary information is all available on the web site..... If you really really need to talk to someone about the event, 604-589-3404 is the number to call.

Look forward to seeing you all in June at the 50th Anniversary bash.

Cheers

50th Anniversary Committee, BCHRA

Judging Hints from a Judge

As an assist to our members and visitors to the web site, we asked our RVSR member Al Erickson to give us an overview to presenting a winning display as seen from the judge's perspective. Al's experience includes vintage, classics, stocks, rods, customs, race and pedal cars. We hope you will find the following information helpful and encourage your questions and feedback.

I have been judging car shows and Concours D` Elegance shows since the 1960s. I judge pre war and best in show classifications at the concours level. When I judge at the Grand National Roadster show, Sacramento, Seattle or Portland shows I'm usually in the stock or custom classification. I have been a judge at Pebble Beach, Forest Grove, Silverado and many more concours over the years. Enough of my background, now what does the judge usually look for?

To start with, judges are people like you and I with car experience in many areas. Most concours judging is made up of three man groups. One will judge the interior, one the motor and undercarriage and the third will judge the exterior. They judge only on originality or as they left the show room floor. You can add original equipment of that year but no new options. At rod and custom car shows they judge in three or four men

judging teams. They judge the cars together not in particular areas as in concours shows. You base your results on the amount of work done and the quality of workmanship.

Every judge has a few things that he could be a stickler on. Some pay particular attention to paint under the doors while others go inside the gas doors for dirt. We do use small pencil mirrors for those hard to see places. Many judges will take the time to check out the owner's judges book. This will help the judges with many little extra items done that could have been overlooked if not pointed out. Cars may appear to be stock in some areas but may have very subtle changes that could have been missed if not pointed out. The fenders might have been extended, top slightly chopped so it is vital to read their signs or look over their judges book. It could be the difference between first and third place. I have seen cars win over a car twice the investment because it was not cleaned up or detailed to its fullest. Do your homework and critique your own car and just be honest in your evaluation. Never think to yourself that the judges will never notice that. Don't take the chance, take the time to look at every place the judge might look.

Judges will be looking for that valve stem to be lined up with the shoe on your Good Year tire. Whitewalls must be clean and shiny as well as blackwalls. If the hubcaps say Ford make sure the writing is parallel to the ground. Make sure the tread of the tires are clean. Never let your display over shadow your car. Safety belts straight or crossed. Find out when your automobile will be judged and make sure it is clean. ALWAYS, but always make sure your hood is up and your trunk is open when your car is to be judged. If this is not done you will loose all the points available for the trunk and hood. At the big indoor car shows we judge from 11:00 PM till 5:00 AM. We will judge on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

We don't want to have owners or spectators around when the judging takes place. Lights under your hood and in your trunk can help or sometimes will show flaws. Always have a sign showing what has been done to your car. Judges are human beings and they do make mistakes so call their attention to every item you have done so they are not overlooked. Even though you have taken trophies in all the little shows that does not mean you will be a winner at the inside show level. It is always a good idea to show pictures of before and after and during the construction of your car. Do not bring your trophies for your car, that distracts from your display. Think of yourself as a judge and be critical of your car and never think that the judges wont see the problem. Don't take the chance, it could be very costly. Remember,

judges look under your car as much as the rest of your car. Get out the polish, tooth brush, rug, jack, stanchions, display and everything needed to make your car the best possible.

To the Executive and Members of the BC Hot Rod Association

We would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the BC Hot Rod Association for their incredible club support in this years' World of Wheels Show. The event was a GREAT success and we can contribute a great portion of that success to your club, individual members' displays and a great group effort put forth by all your members.

A special thank you to Jerry & Donna Carvelli for their tireless efforts and many trips to our office in making sure the BCHRA display was a success for the show.

The 50th Anniversary of the BCHRA will be a once in a lifetime event and we wish you all the success that it deserves. We look forward to the June's event by being part of the festivities with our car entries and donation of prizing for the event.

Again, Thank you for your continued support over many shows and years.

Regards,

Audrey Stebanuk and Wayne Webb

BCHRA Winners List

Bill Alder - Conservative.Hard Top '55-59
Bob Allen - Custom Rod Sedan-Mild - 1st
Keith Biddlecombe - Pro St. Custom - 1st
Terry Bigg - Conservative Hard Top '55-59 - 3rd
Art Brumpton - Roadster P/U Pre '35 - 1st
Jerry Carvelli - T Roadster - 1st
Clay Clemas - Rest.Cons.PU '49-52 - 1st
Bryon Dearborn - Cust. Rod Coupe '35-48 - 1st
Drew deHaan - Custom Rod Sedan - 3rd
Jim deVries - Custom Wagon - 1st
Ron Doxey - Radical Hard Top - 2nd
Rick Dyble - Nostalgia Rod P/U - 1st
Bill Engel - Restored '48-57 - 3rd
Bob Ewen - Street Sedan - 1st
Gret Friedrich - Nostalgia Rod Sedan - 1st
Rick Green - Nostalgia Rod Sedan - 2nd
Ken Green - Semi Custom.Rod Sedan - 1st
Cliff Haller - Custom Rod Convertible - 2nd
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 Randy Haugen - Altered Street Roadster - 1st
 Daren Kampf - Domestic Bracket Racer - 1st
 Gordy Koropchuk - St.Machine Custom - 1st
 Linda Koropchuk - Restored Convertible - 1st
 Andy Kotowich - Restored Convertible - 3rd
 Ron Latham - Altered Street Coupe - 2nd
 Art Lyon - Radical Custom - 1st
 Jim Lyons - Street Roadster - 3rd
 John Marrett - Sedan Delivery - 1st
 John Marrett - Special Interest-non motorized - 3rd
 Garry Marshall - T Sedan - 1st
 Randy MacKinnon - Cons. Custom Sedan - 1st

Norm McPhedrian - Conservative Hard Top - 1st
 Glen Morrow - Altered Comp.Sedan - 1st
 Glen Morrow - Truck '35-current - 1st
 Ev Parker - Custom Wagon – 3rd
 Ken Ransford – Nostalgia Custom – 1st
 Bodo Reichert – Compact Custom Convertible - 1st
 Wayne Shantz – Custom Rod Convertible – 1st
 Neil Smith – Conservative PU '57-72 – 1st
 Larry Solomon – Conservative PU '53-56 – 1st
 Tony Stoter – Conservative Hard Top '55-59 – 1st
 Ed Swanson – Custom Rod Sedan – 1st
 Harold Swift – Conservative Hard Top Semi – 1st
 Graeme Tait – Radical Hard Top – 1st
 Henry Tjart – Custom Rod Convertible Mild – 1st
 Barry Watson – Radical Hard Top – 3rd
 Bob Whitwick – Mild Hard Top – 1st
 Bob Whitwick – Special Interest – 1st
 Bob Whitwick – Pedal Car – 1st
 Jerry Yakymchuk – Radical Custom Rod PU – 1st
 Murray Zimmerman – Cons. Custom Sedan – 2nd

Other Awards

Club Display – 3rd - \$225.00
 Glen Morrow – Early Entry - \$500.00
 Keith Biddlecombe – Best St. Machine - \$300.00
 Bob & Dar Whitwick – Best Display – 3rd - \$125.00
 Gord Koropchuk – Outstanding St. Mach. - \$200.00
 Graeme Tait – Ladies Choice - \$300.00
 Graeme Tait- Outstanding Custom - \$200.00

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