



DECEMBER MEETING: is our Annual Auction for the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Center

BCHRA General Meeting

November 6, 2007

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 November Meeting.

84 Members and 9 guests were in attendance for a total of 93.

President Harold welcomed newly approved member:

-**Chuck Kennedy** – who has a 1932 Chevy

We had nine new guests out to our November meeting. Glad to see all of these new people out to our meeting including several members' sons and one month old – fourth generation Williams's family member!!

Three new rides were proudly announced by members including Bill Hale and Bruce Bensmiller and one other member who's name I did not get recorded. Sorry!!

President Harold read a letter from **Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Center**. In this letter they expressed their genuine appreciation for the ongoing support they get from **BCHRA**. They also expressed their thanks to **Keith Diamonds Band** and **the Williams family** for their contributions to our 50th Anniversary celebration and the proceeds that were donated. These funds were instrumental in helping with their relocation and the re-establishment of their riding programs. Irene Schenk, President, signed the letter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. There was one correction. It was noted that Diane Lewis at 604-589-3404 is the correct contact person to call for your copy of the 50th Anniversary CD.

Business out of the minutes:

President Harold was pleased to present to our members the special **Motor Sports Hall of Fame** trophy. It was presented to **BCHRA Executive** and other members present at a special awards function as recognition to **BCHRA** for our accomplishments and celebration for our **50th Anniversary Event**. **BCHRA** is now recognized in the **Motor Sports Hall of Fame**. Congratulations to all members for this mile stone event.

President Harold was also pleased to step in for **Roger Barnes for A&W** to announce that two of our members were both winners in the **A&W Passport Contest** that was run this summer. The first place winner with the most stamps in his passport was none other than **Joe Morris** who won two of the coveted **A&W 50th Anniversary leather sleeved Jackets**. **Way to go Joe!!!!** Second place award went to **Bryan Hellyer who was presented with an A&W Summer Jacket**. **Way to go Bryan!!!**

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe reported a good additional revenue month from club store sales and confirmed there were additional expenses to pay for Club Store inventory. All is good with his department.

Membership – Bill Alder announced that we now have 351 members. This compares with 283 members this time last year. **Bill** also reminded all members that membership renewal forms were now available for completion for next year's membership. He asked that we all get a copy either from him or off the **BCHRA** Web site. For renewals you only need to complete parts A & C of the form and attach your cheque for \$25.00. Note there was no increase in membership dues again this year. He also suggested that these renewal forms should be brought to the January general meeting and not to the December meeting as this will be our annual Auction meeting and we will all to be too busy.

Newsletter – Darlene Driedger announced that all is well with the production of the Headliner. Remember she always appreciates your input with your stories of your travels and events that you have attended.

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that they are looking forward to meetings coming up with ICBC and the Provincial ministry of Transportation. He advised that the meeting agendas are now set and that he will be reporting on these as soon as items are resolved and completed.

Cam Hutchins our web Master reported that he has been a bit behind but thought that he should have most of the 50th Anniversary uploading complete in the next week or two. He is also working on some great new additions and revisions to the web site. So take some time to check it all out.

New Business:

President Harold announced that **Gerry Carvelli** had attended the last executive meeting to put forth an idea regarding the upcoming **Abbotsford Tradex February Show**. He advised that **Audrey and Gordon** will be the sponsor for this their last **World of Wheels Show and Auction** coming up the last week end of February 2008. As you are all aware, they have been ardent supporters of **BCHRA** over the past many years. It was proposed by **Gerry Carvelli** that **BCHRA** get behind this last show and put in a large contingent of **BCHRA members rides**. He thought that it would be a banner event for our club and a proud way to show our respect to **Audrey and Gordon for all of their support for our club and our hobby**. **Gerry** offered to be in charge of the registration for this event if we have other members step up and take on the organization roles. The executive unanimously adopted **Gerry's** proposal and agreed to present this to the membership at this meeting.

President Harold asked for a show of hands regarding the support of this idea. Approximately **40 members agreed to provide their ride for this show**. We also had **8 members step up to be a part of the organizing committee**. Thank you all for your support and commitments.

Also, we were pleased to hear that **Glen Morrow's beautiful Chevy Tow truck** was featured on the cover of **Tow Canada Magazine as Canada's top Tow Truck in Canada**. **Way to Go Glen!!!**

Coffee Break

50/50 Draw:

Winner of \$202.50 was **Jim de Vries** who generously donated \$20.00 back to the club for donuts and coffee. Thank You **Jim** for your contribution.

President Harold reminded us all that our January meeting will be the first round of nominations for members for our next **BCHRA** Executive. He indicated that there will be several positions that will be open at the end of this term. He asked that members should give thought to who might want to step up and serve on the new executive and make it known to any existing executive member. If you would like to get involved, all you need to do it let us know.

Final nominations will be accepted at the February meeting, which is also the formal elections.

DECEMBER MEETING: NOTE THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL AUCTION. You and all of your friends and neighbors are welcome to attend. This is an open meeting. The sole purpose is to raise money for our charity of choice **THE VALLEY EQUESTRIAN THERAPUTIC SOCIETY.** Last year we raised over **\$9000.00 FOR THEM** and we want to top that amount this year. Please help out by bringing donations of items, solicit items for auction and bring them all to the December meeting. **WE ALL NEED TO GET BEHIND THIS EVENT TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!!!!** Please do your part.

REMEMBER, THIS AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM SO BRING YOUR ITEMS at 6:00 pm or EARLIER SO THEY CAN BE REGISTERED AND SET UP ON DISPLAY FOR THE 6:30 START.

ALSO, PLEASE BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE FOOD BANK!!!!!! Last year we filled the truck box of President Harold's truck. Let's try to do this again. Remember this is our big event of the year to raise money to help our charity of choice.

Event reports:

Bruce Bensmiller was one of many of our members who attended the **SEMA SHOW** in late October. He was proud to say on behalf of all of our members that **Keith Biddlecomb's 65 Chevy was on display at this show.** The builder **Rod Neilson** was there to answer questions and talk about the build. As some members already know, the car is a **radically modified 65 Chevy** that is a true representation of the words "**CUSTOM ONE OF A KIND**". The ride was still "under construction" for this show but was a "**Star Attraction**" at this show.

Keith was kind enough to stand up and give us a great talk on the journey so far and how the original plan has evolved into a build that has become far beyond his original vision. How manufactures have stepped up to become sponsors of the build and have donated their products and parts to assist with the construction. This is largely due to the efforts and contacts of Rod Neilson the builder. He told us that the car was now back in B.C. and they had another 60 days to finish the car for the next big show for the sponsors. **Thanks Keith for sharing**. We can hardly wait to see this Amazing 65 Chevy with it's huge 409, 800++ horsepower ride out on the street. With that sound system, we should be able to hear you coming from about 10 miles away!!! **Way to go Keith!!!**

Also, **John Gambill** gave a talk about his experience at the **Bakersfield Hot Rod Show**. It was a very good event and he spoke about many very nice rides that were for sale. He was impressed enough to take many pictures of these cars. If you are interested in taking a look, you could contact **John** at 604-852-9054. **Thanks John**.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Buy and Sell:

For Sale: 1953 Chev. 2 door, stock, automatic. Call 604-928-9673.

For Sale: 1969-72 Chevy GMC truck parts, door, fenders etc. Call 604-809-9985.

For Sale: 1988 Bronco, 2 w/d, brown and tan, 200+, 5 speed, new brakes, lots more.

Very good condition. \$2500 or best offer. Call Sylvia Braddick @ 604-987- 1814.

For Sale: Rebuilt 350 4 bolt long block exchange. \$1200. 700R rebuildable core \$300.

Call Neil Smith @ 604-576-6750.

For Sale: 4-255/50 R18 Toyo Proxes tires as new \$500; 4-195/70 R14 Goodyear RWL

as new \$200; 2-215/65 R15 Hankook RWL new \$100;

2-225/70 R15 Hankook RW L new \$120; 1-'54 Chev.grill bar with park

lites

(needs chrome) \$50; 1-HD equalizer ball mount and bars, extended

reach

for p/u with camper NE W with bars and var ball. Good for 34' trailer.

\$200;

1-12 HP Toro riding lawn mower \$500. Call Bob Whitwick @ 604-792-7758.

For Sale: - 1932 Chev p/u solid axles both ends, 70-250-6 speed, needs paint, 18" wires

with new skins. \$18,000.

- '47-53 GM p/u frames, 2 stockers, 1 properly modified will certify.\$350.

- Wheel & tire combos, big & little bias, cooper w/w. over 10-230-250 GM

- straight 6 motors. 10-350 Chev's complete early motors, starting at \$200.

- Model A frame 2 x 4 tube original horns etc. \$750.00

- 1958 GMC- 261 motor, very tight & very low mileage \$800.00

- Over 50 GM tilt steering wheels. \$40. ea.

- I have ton's of parts - axles- chev, ford, dropped & stock., 28 spline

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centers 2.48 - 3.90 cheap and much more.

- Winter beaters - 1996 Taurus, full load, new brakes, exhaust, 3 ltr., new trans.

last year, car must go. \$1550.

- 1990 S15 Blazer 2 w/d, 2 door, 4.3 auto., dropped 5", aircared, needs small

bodywork. \$2250.

- 1933 2 door tub, all steel, wood replaced, mustang II frt. susp., 10 bolt rear

end, rock valley tank, real nice car \$15,000. firm

- 48-53 Chev 1/2 ton PU body and frame, new box sides \$1400.00

- 1960 Stude Lark 4dr wgn V8 stick, very straight, runs nice

\$2200.00

- 1927 Chev PU 1/4 ton, completely apart, nice original tin. Owned since 1950

\$2000.00 for everything.

Call Rolly @ 604-702-

0680.

The overall winner of the **2007 TOW CANADA BEAUTY CONTEST** this year is a 1959 Chevrolet Spartan 80 "The BIG Orange Beauty," owned and operated by **Glen Morrow** of Surrey. We congratulate Glen on the victory of this AWESOME truck.

This beauty has 22.5 inch one-piece rims, and the six-stud bolt pattern is rare. The Big Orange Spartan is tough, shiny and cool, all wrapped up into one gear-jamming hot rod package. Glen is an ex 60's drag racer, and is a hot rodder in the truest sense. He has done all the work himself.

The vehicle began life as a rarely used pumper truck in the Fraser Valley fire hall. The heavy five-ton's frame has been lengthened by four feet and doubled walled by Glen himself. The truck has a 454 punched out to 468 cubic inches. That power is transmitted through the Spartan's original five speed transmission. (modified by Glen and used with a gear splitter) to a remotely mounted transfer case (a T223 Timkin out of an old snowplough) and then a very large Eaton rear differential and a Dana 70 front differential out of a 1969 International. The deck, wheel lift, and controls are all modern equipment but once again had to be modified. The wheel lift also required an extra cylinder to lower the entire stinger, front and rear, due to the trucks height. The orange paint is bright, there isn't a lot of chrome and the 26 strobe lights are all about safety when doing the job. The upholstery is original just like Glen.

He has been to many car and truck shows and has trophies to prove it, but acquires them because of his fine skills as a mechanic, fabricator and engineer, and his close attention to detail. You can usually see Glen at car and truck shows around the Fraser Valley, piggybacking one of his rods. A 1938 Chevy drag car, or his 1934 Diamond T, or his 1928 Pontiac T19 truck.

Great job Glen !!





The winners in the International Pun Contest:

- * A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
- * Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!".
- * Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- * Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."
- * Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
- * A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
- * A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

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VALLEY THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

September 28th 2007

British Columbia Hot Rod Association

To: Harold Swift and Bill Alder

Thank you so much for your generous and continued support!

Please pass on our gratitude to Keith Diamond and The Rockets for their generous donation. It could not have come at a better time, enabling us to get our riding program up and functioning again after our move to our new location. This was an invaluable help.

If you would be so kind, please pass along our gratitude to the Williams Family for their kind donation to our association. All donations contribute to the happiness and well being of our riders and we cannot stress how much this means to them and us here at Valley to be able to continue these programs.

Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association does not receive any government funding therefore it is the ongoing community support such as this that makes our programs successful.

As you may already know, VTEA is a non-profit charitable organization providing therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with all forms of disabilities since 1983. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life for our clients by improving their physical, mental, and emotional well being with the assistance of the horse.

VTEA has recently relocated to a new facility. Our dedicated Board is diligently working on strengthening the infrastructure necessary to the future success of the Association. The instructors and core volunteers are now developing the curriculum for a new series of therapy sessions.

Riding a horse gives something very powerful to a person with disabilities. The feeling of achievement that comes from riding and maneuvering a horse is strong medicine. It turns defeat in victory and self-doubt into self-confidence. For those with cognitive challenges, the unconditional love of the horse reduces anxiety, encourages interaction and improves social skills.

Once again, thank you for your generosity!

Kindest regards,

Irene F. Schenk
Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association