



BCHRA General Meeting

August 5, 2008

Meeting held at **Barnes Harley Davidson** new dealership boardroom in Langley, B.C.

Meeting called to order by **President Art Brumpton** at 7:30 pm.

Art welcomed everyone to our August Meeting.

President Art welcomed to our meeting **Mr. Brian Barnes** – Assistant General Manager for **Barnes Harley Davidson**. Brian took a few minutes to welcome **BCHRA** members to their new facility which they just opened up this February 2008. He was proud to say that the Barnes family had been in the automotive field their whole lives and were pleased to be able to offer a full service Harley dealership. They welcome Hot Rodders and he stated that they see Harley owners and Hot Rodders in the same light. All people who have a passion for their hobby / sport and the love of being out on the roads.

VP Joe Morris presented a plaque of appreciation from **BCHRA** to Brian Barnes for their generous offer for our club to meet at their new dealership.

90 Members and 4 guests were in attendance for a total of 94.

The youngest guest out this evening was **Jeff Morris** son of **VP Joe Morris**

The weather was perfect and the number of rides that were out for the meeting were plentiful to say the least. Our very dedicated **Web Master Cam Hutchins** was out to take pictures of all of the rides. **Thanks Cam.**

President Art welcomed the following new member:

- **Barry Cleator – Burnaby** who owns a 1964 Ford Ranchero
- **Troy Moerike – Pitt Meadows** who owns a 61 Ford Galaxie Sunliner Convertible
- **Karl Fisher – Langley** who owns 40 Chevy & 52 Plymouth
- **Brian Larivee – Abbotsford** who owns a 57 Meteor Ranchwagon
- **Ron Friesen – Burnaby** who owns a 80 Mustang
- **Jill Sinclair – Langley** who owns 77 Chevelle, 65 Vette, 46 Ford

Welcome to all of these new members!!

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented 'as circulated' and a motion to adopted by Joe Morris and seconded by Jerry Simon.

President Art made note of the personal efforts of **Tom Whiffin** for arranging the venue for this August meeting. Thank you **Tom**

Business arising from the minutes:

Remember **Park Royal** event is this next weekend (Saturday August 16th) be there about 8:00 am at the bottom of Taylor Way on Marine Drive on the south side of Marine. The plan is to have a bite to eat before we get parked by 9:00 AM. **Our fearless leader Denny Bromley** will be there to point the way!!!

The next day (Sunday August 17th) is the **Early V8 Club's Annual Hogan Park** event. **Hogan Park** is just off the freeway east of Abbotsford a kilometer or two on the south side. Watch for an exit south by a rest stop. **Hogan park** is the very next area south of the rest stop. This is a great event to come out to and show off your ride or to come and see some 'very nice rides'. There is lots of corn on the cob as well as hot dogs and hamburgers.

President Art re-stated that our next regular meeting for **September 2, 2008** will be back at the regular location at the **Langley Hall on 208th street in Langley**. This meeting will be our annual club **BBQ**. This is a club function paid for by **BCHRA** and is for members and their significant others only. **No extra guests this evening please!!!**

NOTE THAT THE BBQ WILL BEGIN EARLIER THAN OUR REGULAR MEETING TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DAYLIGHT. SO PLAN TO BE THERE AROUND 6:00 PM. Food will begin at 6:30 pm. The menu will be a surprise and is fully catered so plan to attend. The regular meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and all significant others are welcome to attend.

BRING YOUR RIDE, YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, AND CHAIRS TO SIT ON!!!!!!!

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe some small changes to the balances and all is well with the treasury.

Membership - Tom Paonessa announced that we now have 332 active members. It is interesting to note that we had 340 this month last year and 272 the year before.

Newsletter - Darlene Driedger announced that all was 'GREAT' with the production of the Headliner. Darlene is away on holidays, so needs all for sale items or want adds in by Friday the 8th if you want them in this month.

Also, please **NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HEADLINER.** Those who WERE ACCESSING their's VIA THE **BCHRA WEB SITE** will now get it direct to your email address. You will not have to go to the web site and use a password to get your copy. Now that is a welcome change....

Web Master Cam Hutchins – Cam also spoke about the changes to the email system and he mentioned that you will be able to access past copies of the Headliner on the website without the use of a password as it has been in the past. Hope this makes it easier for everyone. Thanks Cam.

For those who did not know, there will be some dramatic upgrades to our club web site over the next few weeks. We have hired some out side help to get us back on track with the project. Once all of the reconstruction has been reorganized offsite, they will push a button and all of the changes will be downloaded to the current site. So keep an eye out for the changes and give us some feed back!!!

Cam also spoke about the work he is doing with the new owners of the World of Wheels show that has been at the Abbotsford Tradex for a number of years. It seems that the judges are interested in where the car came from and if you did most of the construction yourself. It can have a bearing on the judging. So think about what you would want to include in your history report.

Correction from Cam...the information is not required with your registration!!! They think it is a good idea for more info about the cars on display in known. It is for the owners to place this information in a pleasant way on a sheet of paper and place beside your vehicle when displayed at car shows. This will allow spectators and Judges to more fully enjoy all the love and sweat you have put into your ride. If you do not have the computers skills to do this ask any 12 year old you know to do it!

Lastly, **President Art** addressed the issue that was raised from the floor by **Cliff Haller** who asked why the club roster of names and phone numbers were not available on the Web Site. Since this issue was discussed at the previous executive meeting and we were concerned about 'Privacy Laws' we were not sure if we could publish this list. So we agreed to have this item on the agenda for discussion at next months meeting and then have a vote to determine what the best plan of action should be.

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that there was not anything new to report on. He did say that things were still in the mill but have been moved to the back burner for the time being. The major reason for this change was a new priority sent down from the BC Government. They are now focusing on the huge issue of truck accidents and related claims particularly in the logging industry.

ICBC did state to Harold that they had done a comparison with all other provinces to see what other provinces offer in the collector car and modified collector car arena and found that BC was in fact leading the way for Canada. Harold said that he had to agree with them on this point but wanted to reinforce the fact that there were still some important issues that our hobby wanted to have looked at. They did agree to get to

these items at some time in the future once they got on top of the 'Truck Issues' So a Big Thank You to Harold for all of his dedicated efforts on behalf of us all.

Harold wanted to remind us all that the collector plate and all of the benefits that go with this program are a special privilege for us all to enjoy. He also said that those who abuse this program (like driving collector plated vehicles to work or use them as daily drivers – they need to be reported) could destroy it for all the rest of us. So he has encouraged us to follow the rules carefully for the benefit of all. Other wise, the program could be cancelled by ICBC. This is their ultimate decision and we need to be ever mindful of this possibility.

While Harold had control of the mike, he took the opportunity to talk about the Langley Cruise In Sept. 12 – 14th. He is in charge of the parking of the cars and asked for a couple of volunteers to work with him on this event. If you would like to get a first hand look at the great rides that will be coming in here is your chance. Call Harold at 604-574-5457 and join up!!

Windshield display cards:

President Art spoke about the new Windshield Display Cards that have been designed by **BCHRA** for all of our members to use. The final design has been established and they are going off to the press for printing. We had a few samples that were handed out for those in attendance to take a look at. They were very well received and we look forward to sending out yours to you. It is expected that they should be completed by the September meeting and BBQ.

The plan is to have 3 copies for each member along with a rubber suction cup to use to hang the card in your windshield. This is a no-charge item that **BCHRA** is providing members so that we can show our rides with pride and at the same time have a common recognition for our Club. We know you will like them!!!!

Bursary Program:

President Art also spoke to the members about the subject that has gotten a lot of discussion time as of late with our members. The executive has been having on going discussions regarding the possibility of introducing a new bursary program for **BCHRA**. The general idea was to sponsor two or three small bursaries at colleges that have an automotive program. The idea was to be focused on up and coming students that are focusing on a career in the auto motive field. It was thought that **BCHRA** could get more recognition in the community by doing this sort of thing.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM WE WANT TO DO BUT IS ONLY IN THE INFANT STAGE THAT REQUIRES MUCH RESEARCH AND THOUGHT BEFORE WE ARE EVEN READY TO PUT FORTH ANYTHING TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE FORM OF A FORMAL PROPOSAL. It may not even get that far. So please be patient with the process. If you have ideas or thoughts on this

possibility, we encourage you to put these thoughts and ideas in writing and pass it on to the executive for consideration.

We did have Harold Swift, Gerry Carvelli and Harold Wellenbrink all stand and offer their perspective on the subject. Thank you all.

Coffee break

50/50 Draw:

The winner of the 50/50 cash totaling **\$190.00** was **Doris Flett. Way to go Doris!!! Thank You for your most generous \$75.00 donation to our coffee fund.**

President Art spoke about the motion put forth at the last meeting by **Bunny Jeboult** regarding the idea of a 55th anniversary party. Art mentioned that this subject was given much consideration and discussion at the last executive meeting. The consensus at that meeting was that the basic idea of more events for the future for members to come together was indeed a good idea.

There was one major challenge to each of these events and that was the huge amount of work that it takes to arrange such events. So it was concluded that there was a better approach and that was to make it an annual event every yearsay early September, on a weekend, for us all to have a great get together. This would not involve a lot of preparation other than getting a venue that could accommodate up to 600 -650 people and space to park all of our rides for our own private show and shine along with a dance and music etc.

So we are still in the planning stages of this new idea but it seems that this event could replace our current September BBQ and be held on a weekend rather than at a regular club meeting night. So more on this later. If you have ideas or suggestions, please help us out by putting your ideas down on paper or send any of the executive an email so we can look at all of your input. Thanks.

Fall Dance:

Bill Townsend reported on this year's dance. He has already booked a hall and the band for this event even though there was no feedback from our members. The band was available and Bill did not want to lose the opportunity to get them booked or the opportunity to get the hall we needed.

WE then had a motion from the floor by President Art to have the fall dance in October. 2nd by Joe Morris....voted on and Carried.

It will be a Halloween Theme dance. It is scheduled for OCTOBER 25th, 2008. It will start at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 pm and the dance starting at 7:30 pm. Bill said that the numbers will work to cover the costs if we get 140 people out at \$40.00 per couple.

He will want tickets sales in advance. So mark your calendars and plan to get your tickets at the next meeting.

Bill could use a few able bodied helpers to share the tasks of organizing and putting this together. Please call **Bill at 604-589-3404**. If Diane answers thank her for helping too!!!
Thanks Bill and Diane!!!

The Burn Run:

Tom Whiffin reported that this event was a great success this year. 75 Harleys, 5 corvettes, and 8 hot Rods. The benefits to all of the kids at the camp was tremendous. Many rides were taken by the 78 kids from as far away as PEI and Newfoundland. Tom encouraged us all to plan to participate next year.

Sleepy Hollow Run:

Only 4 sleeps left for this one. If you want to go you can still get a room...Call Denny Bromley at 604-922-0280. Should be a good one!!

Nicola Valley Cruisers – Merritt BC:

You will all remember that this event was earmarked as one of this summers events that **BCHRA** wanted to show some special support for. Rolley Cole had taken up the challenge to arrange the cavalcade from Chilliwack to Merritt. We had 14 rides go up from the lower mainland. It was a very well organized event with almost 200 cars entered. The cruisers have a 'Junior Cruisers' part of their club and these young folks did a bang up job of having lots of food available. There was a small swap meet there as well. The awards were plentiful and Bobby Allan and Randy Mackinnon were able to bring three awards home.
Congratulations Cruisers!!!! A great event....glad we went.

100 Mile House Car and Motorcycle Show and Shine:

This was also a huge success. We had 36 club rides go there from the lower mainland area. Every one was impressed with this three day event. Many members were able to say hello to fellow members that are not able to get down here too often. There were several hundred very beautiful rides on display for this event and it was a 'Blast' for all that went. Way to go guys!!

Boulevard 500 Show and Shine:

This was also attended by many **BCHRA** members and was a class event. Our very own **Sid Perrins** from North Vancouver won the top Peoples Choice and \$500.00 for his ride. Way to go Sid!! There may have been some other **BCHRA** rides there that won as well but unfortunately, we were not informed for this printing. Sorry if we missed you.

Parksville Show and Shine:

This event was absolutely huge this year. We were told that there was 1000 to 1100 rides on display this year. Many **BCHRA** members were there to experience this great show. Again, unfortunately, we were not made aware of any of the winners names.

New Westminster Show and Shine was also very well attended. We hear through the 'Grape Vine' that **Darlene Driedger (Headliner Editor)** walked away with 'The Top Truck' Award. **Way to go Dar!!!!**

Special Thanks to the "Biggs Team" for making the supreme effort to have coffee and the eats brought out for our meeting here at the Barnes Harley Davidson venue. It was appreciated by all of us.

Also special Thanks to Barb Bensmiller and Carol Brumpton taking care of the 50/50 ticket sales. Good job ladies!!

******Remember, next meeting is at the Langley Hall location and it is the annual BBQ for members and spouses only. No guests please. Plan to be there by 6:00 pm. ******

Motion to adjourn at 9:45pm by Joe Morris.

Buy & Sell

For Sale: 1998 Camaro Z28, LSI aluminum engine, 4L 60E trans, posi diff, one owner, all original doc. included build sheet. \$6500. In factory options inc..T tops, leather, 16" chrome wheels, mystic teal paint, CD stacker, etc. Best high performance luxury CPE for the money anywhere. Mature owner, no decs, all factory original. Call 604-329-7506 for details.

For Sale: 1972 Seeburg Jukebox, holds 80-45's comes with additional 500 45's. \$500. Call Terry Bellinger @ 604-524-8292.

For Sale: Mustang Monthly books 1982-2008 (every issue) Offers. Call Joe Morris @ 604-250-4325.

For Sale: New Edelbrock fuel pump for small block Chevy, complete with fittings \$120. Call Tom Whiffin @ 604-298-5397.

Wanted: Old magazines, Life or Post. Call Joe Morris @ 604-250-4325.

Wanted: Door latch complete for a 1978 Boler, 17' trailer. This is a Bargman latch starting # on the latch is 10-40. I need inside handle and mechanism to latch to open door from inside. Some of the #'s on this part are – Handle 10-40-040, Plate 10-40-030,

Stride 10-40-050, ?? 10-40-080. Please call Bob Whitwick @ 1-250-997-5187. Box 535 Mackenzie, BC V0J2C0.

Dawson Creek Car Show July 11-13.

Friday: Cruised to Dawson Creek from Mackenzie on a beautiful sunny day and arrived at 'Mile O' campground around 2 pm. and set up camp. Registration was at the Co-op Mall from 6-11 with BBQ and entertainment. Met some new people and some old acquaintances. Had hot dogs, chips and refreshments. Retired to the campsite.

Saturday: Met at Pioneer Village to tour and set-up for the 'Treasure Hunt' and Poker Rally. The Poker Rally was well set-up and forced you to meet others at the run as you need to combine vehicles for some of the requirements (they supplied all entries with a disposable cameras as there were some required pictures that had to be turned in. After the run we all met at Sudetan Hall in the Pioneer Village for a BBQ (steak and all the fixins). There were cash draws, poker winners and 1/18 scale drags. You had to be present to win. Then on to the dance.

Sunday: The car show was from 8:30 – 4:00 in the center of town around the 'Mile O' post of the Alaska Highway. All streets were closed for this and the cars all parked on the streets running from the 'Mile O' post. The old buildings have old paintings on their walls. A picture of your cars is taken and then you are parked to enjoy the day. While there we had more inquiries about the pin stripping and people who knew who Ed Roth was, than we have ever known. We were interviewed by Dawson Cable TV and will get a copy for our files. We will also get pictures for the club to look at.

Voting is done by the entrants and there are no class trophies. Many muscle cars (including several Barrett Jackson cars) one young fellow had a 1934 pickup that was built in the '60's and has a panel painting that was done in 1965 and he is leaving it as is, apparently this truck was in car magazines in 1961. They had approximately 250 cars and trucks- mainly muscles cars. The event is extremely well organized and supported by the city.. When all was done, our car was in the 'Top 10' cars picked by the participants. The registration for this weekend was \$40 and included dry camping, a goodie bag that includes a beautiful embroidered car blanket, with the event embroidered on it, dash plaque and lots more.

We stayed for Sunday evening and left for home in the showers. Great weekend and Great event.

Bob & Dar Whitwick

Mackenzie Car Show July 19

A small car show was put on by the Mackenzie Mall and Les Little. It was well organized and supported by the community. Approximately 65 cars and 10 bikes, some very nice cars and bikes from Prince George, Quesnel and Hixon. There was no charge for the show and you get a goody bag, dash plaque and 2 burgers and fixins. T shirts are printed on site for \$15 and you get a choice of colors and styles.

Napa donated a lot of prizes and done by draws to your car number.

This was a well organized small car show and I helped with the parking. The BCHRA banner was well displayed. Home by 2:30. 5 minutes from home.

Bob & Dar

Whitwick

Always Remember This: You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

SERENITY OR SENILITY

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied. 'Two years older than me.' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented. She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. 'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?' 'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week.'

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turned to the other and said: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim said, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.' 'Really!? Like a newborn baby?' 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect.' 'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty', he replied.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear 100%. He went back in a month and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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