



BCHRA General Meeting

January 8, 2008

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

Meeting called to order by **President Harold Swift** at 7:40pm.

President Harold welcomed everyone to our January Meeting and wished everyone a very happy New Year from the executive of **BCHRA**.

74 Members and 13 guests were in attendance for a total of 87.

President Harold introduced and welcomed the following New Members that were not acknowledged at our December Auction meeting: **Sid Perrins, Craig Ross and Lorene Stirling. Welcome to you all.**

We also had 13 guest introduced by our members. It is always great to have new people out to be a part of our club activities.

President Harold spoke about the results of the **December Auction**. We were very pleased to advise our members that the proceeds from the auction was \$7,301.00 and the club executive voted to round the total up to **\$7,500.00** for the donation cheque. At the presentation ceremony at **Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Center**, this cheque was presented to their president and staff along with a second cheque presented by our 50th Anniversary team for an additional **\$7500.00** which literally **blew the VTEC staff away**. You will also remember that a previous cheque had already been presented to this charity earlier this year by Keith Diamond, who provided the entertainment at our 50th **Anniversary** banquet and dance. That cheque was for **\$3000.00**. **All three cheques totaled \$18,000.00 in donations from BCHRA this year.** This is a significant contribution that we all should be very proud of.

We were pleased to have this event covered by the press as well as to have **Global TV** on hand to do a video clip of our club members arrival in freshly shined up hot rods and covered the presentation of the **\$18,000.00** as well. **So this historic event for our club has duly been etched into history for all time.**

Next on the agenda was the upcoming **February 23 & 24th Tradex Collector Car Show and Auction in Abbotsford, B.C.** **President Harold** reminded us that there is a need for as many **BCHRA** rides as possible for our club display for this special show. Everyone who wants to enter their ride (finished or partially finished) can do so. The club is paying the entry fee for each entry. **Roger Barnes for A&W** has already committed to

participate with **BCHRA** for this show. **You must fill in an entry form and get it to either Donna or Jerry Carvelli. Contact them at 604-530-8555 ASAP** as there is a deadline for our registration and commitment for space at this show. We want your ride in this show!!!! This is a special event this year as it will be the last time that Audrey will be running this event. We wanted to show our club's support by having a huge display. So get on the bandwagon and register **NOW**. This is an indoor show. We also need some members to volunteer to be a part of the set up committee for this event as well. If you are interested in lending a hand, **please contact Bill Townsend at 604-589-3404.**

Notice:

Our February Meeting is the Annual Election of Executive Board Members

Minutes were presented from the December meeting. No errors or omissions.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe reported that all is good with his department.

Membership – Bill Alder announced that our membership numbers for the year end total was 354 members compared to the previous year end total of 298 members. **Bill** also reminded everyone that **Renewal Membership** forms were available and needed to be completed by each member along with their renewal membership fee. And it was duly noted that the membership fee was still holding at the unbelievable level of only \$25.00 again this year. So please see Bill for a renewal form and get your membership dues in.

Newsletter – Darlene Driedger – all is going well with the Headliner. **Dar** also reminded us all that the **Business Card Adds** were also up for renewal. It is that time of year again. **Please see or call Dar at 604-530-8043 to renew your add for the Headliner, @ \$100 a yr.**

Web Master - Cam Hutchins – no report

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that he had attended meetings in November and December with ICBC and the Motor Vehicle Department in Victoria. He was concerned that there have been some major personnel changes at the top of ICBC. The new manager is also new to the Collector Car Program and considerable time was invested trying to present as much of the history of the program and all of the work that the **Specialty Vehicle Association** has put in over the past 10 years to assist ICBC with this program. The new manager announced that he was conducting a complete review of the whole collector car program and the insurance premiums currently being charged. Harold indicated that the results of this study should be available to SVA in the next month. There may be some unexpected changes coming.

Harold also announced that the Motor Vehicles Branch is taking a fresh look at Seat belts for all collector cars. He had been advised that there were 3 accidents recently, involving collector cars where there were no seat belts. These accidents resulted in serious injury claims that would have been considerably less had there been seat belts in use. There will be a decision shortly on the issue of compulsory seat belts for all collector cars regardless of how old the collector car is and whether or not seat belts were original equipment.

More on this item later!! **Harold** also reminded us all that the **Collector and Modified Collector plates** as well as the **reduced insurance premiums** for collector cars has been as a result of all of the hard work done by **SVA**. As an organization, doing this continued work **needs your support with your membership dues of only \$10.00. Please do your part and join SVA.** Your \$10.00 dues will help to cover the costs of SVA and people like **Harold** who must travel to Victoria and other destinations to attend these meetings on our behalf.

We also want to make sure that you are aware that **Harold Wellenbrink** has been forging ahead with his commitment “to stay the course” on the continued efforts of **SVA**. There will be some extra efforts required during this transition period with new management at **ICBC**. represent us all **SVA needs more people on their team to share the commitment to with the ongoing efforts.** So step up and make a difference. **Call Harold and join the team. 604-574-5457.**

President Harold called for a motion from the floor for the club to renew our club membership with **SVA**. He also asked for discussion regarding the level of additional funds that we should donate to **SVA** in order help them with their costs. **Tom Whiffin** put forth a motion “That we renew our club membership with SVA and that we pay a total of \$400.00 toward the dues and extra donation. There was discussion followed by a vote on the motion. It was carried.

President Harold also advised our members that we were renewing our Membership with **NAAACCC** for this new year as well.

Harold Wellenbrink also advised the membership that it was true that **SEMA** had moved into Canada and that they had already had a formal meeting with the Federal Government to discuss issues concerning our hobby and collector cars in general. You may not be aware that **SEMA has an international presence** and deals with governments in every state of the USA plus many other countries of the world. They too are interested in promoting the benefits of our collector car and hot rod hobby. They have chosen to open their entry into Canada by making a presentation to the Federal Government rather than dealing with individual provincial governments. **Harold** hoped to have more information to share with us at future meetings.

It was announced that **PISRA** is have their annual “**Have a Heart Valentine Dance**” on February 9, 2008. It will be held at the **Sunrise Banquet & Conference center, 5640 – 188 Street** in Surrey. Tickets are \$30.00 each and all **profits go to support the Langley Relay for Life program.** **Kid Cadillac and his band** will provide the live entertainment. Call 604-531-5139 or 604-881-7070 to get your tickets.

Just before the coffee break, we called upon the services of **Henry Tjart** to auction off a few items that were left over from the December Auction. There was a gift certificate from **Pacific Car Art**, a wheel alignment from **Chassis Tuners**, two items (a cooler and an emergency road kit) provided by **Roger Barnes from A&W** and set of 8 specially etched bar glasses from the former **Cruisers Restaurant**. Henry did his usual fine effort to get these items sold off. **Thank you Henry.**

Then it was on to the all important annual nominations for the next years **BCHRA Executive positions.** As has been the tradition for the past several years, our very first

president **Mr. Ron Latham** took charge of this process as chairman of the nominating committee of one.

Ron advised our members that this was the first round of nominations and that this process would be repeated again at the February meeting to open up the floor to any additional nominations before the actual election process which will be conducted at the February meeting. You are all encouraged to attend this meeting and to participate in the election process.

For the position of **President**: President Harold Swift announced that he wanted to step down and leave the post open for some one else to take over the reins.

Nominations: Bill Alder – who declined with thanks
Ron Latham – who declined with thanks
Bill Townsend – who declined with thanks
Bruce Bensmiller – who declined with thanks
Art Brumpton – who accepted the nomination
Denny Bromley – who declined with thanks
Grant Chitty – who declined with thanks
Jim Greenwood – not present
Joe Morris – who accepted the nomination

For the position of **Vice President**: Denny Bromley announced that he too was stepping down and was not running again this term.

Nominations: Grant Chitty – who accepted the nomination
Henry Tjart – who declined with thanks

For the position of **Secretary**:

Nominations: Randy MacKinnon – who accepted the nomination

For the position of **Treasurer**:

Nominations: Keith Biddlecombe – who accepted the nomination

For the position of **Membership**: Bill Alder announced that he would not be running again this term.

Nominations: John Ponessa – who accepted the nomination
Bruce Bensmiller – who accepted the nomination

For the position of **Director & Seargent of Arms**:

Nominations: Tom Whiffin – who accepted the nomination
Terry Bigg – who declined with thanks

For the position of **Director**: There are three directors. One of these three is automatically filled by the past president Harold Swift. The other two positions were available for election.

Nominations: Drew de Haan – who accepted the nomination
Pete Graw – who declined with thanks
Terry Bellinger – who accepted the nomination

Ron Latham thanked all of those who accepted their nominations and acknowledged all those who had served over the past few years who were not running for re-election. He encouraged all members who would like to get involved to do so. If you are interested in

any position at all you can volunteer your self as a nomination or speak to any current executive member about your interests. They will be happy to assist you. The executive has a lot of fun and it is a great way to get more involved and be a part of future growth and activities of our great club. **So Thank You Ron** for your support with this very important job of Nominations Chairman!!!

Please note that the floor will be open for additional nominations at the next meeting prior to the formal election so there is still time for you to get involved.

Coffee Break & 50/50 Draw:

Winner of \$160.00 was **Jim Mason** who made a very generous donation back to the club coffee fund. **Thank you Jim.**

New Business:

Keith Biddlecombe spoke about the list of major events that are happening over the next few weeks in the USA.

Grand National Roadster Show – January 25 – 27, 2008

Sacramento Autorama – February 8 – 10, 2008

Portland Rod and Custom Show - February 15 – 17, 2008

Seattle Roadster Show – February 29 – March 2, 2008

And don't forget the **Abbotsford BC Tradex show** is February 23-24, 2008

Keith also spoke about the progress of his 65 Chevy build and that it was about 99% completed and that it would be on the tour at most of the above shows.

Denny Bromley spoke to us about the up coming exclusive **BCHRA Show and Shine at Park Royal** again this year. The date has been set for Saturday August 16th, 2008. The size of this event has been doubled from 50 vehicles to 100. This is a tall order to fill but we have made the commitment to Park Royal to be there with 100 cars / trucks.

Last year was a great success and a very enjoyable event to be at. This was also a very important event for **BCHRA** as it provided **\$5000.00** to the club. These proceeds allow us to contribute to our charity, and to pay for club events and also to be able to keep the club dues at the current low level. Here again this year, we will be getting compensated by Park Royal for providing vehicles which has been offered **exclusively to BCHRA**. We don't want to miss the mark and perhaps loose out on the exclusivity we currently enjoy. So make sure you mark your calendars now and make a commitment to have your ride there.

Please contact **Denny Bromley** – 604-922-0280 or **Dan London** – 604-987-4051 or **Bill Townsend** – 604-589-3404 who are all on the committee for this **Park Royal Event**. They will be pleased to take your registration to attend this event. Remember, there is no cost to you to register. Just show up and enjoy the day. Park Royal provides all of the stanchons and rope to protect your ride and they also provide security people for this event. It was a blast last year and promises to be the same again this year!!! So register early and let our committee members know that you will be there on August 16th, 2008.

This year is already becoming a very busy year for our club so make sure that you start to plan where you want to go and book early. The best way to find out what is going on and who is going where is to come out to our monthly meetings and talk to the gang. This is what it's all about. Getting together at events, showing your ride and having lots of fun.

Grant Chitty spoke about accessing the newsletter from our **BCHRA** Web site. He suggested that for those who have been having difficulty accessing the newsletter using **Internet Explorer**, that you should download an alternative browser called **FIRE FOX**. If you use Google and enter Fire Fox you can gain access to this browser and download it to your computer. Grant said that it works very well and would eliminate any difficulties that you may currently be having when trying to access the **Headliner** from the web site.

One last item, we had heard that **Russ Irwin from Hot Rod Corner** had been injured in an accident while working on his hot rod. **Russ** called personally to say that it was not true and that he was just fine!!! He did say thank you to all of the members who did call to see how he was doing.

Remember that next meeting is the elections. Make sure that you are there to cast your votes and it is a good time to pay your dues for this new season if you have not already done so.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 by Bill Townsend. Seconded by Denny Bromley

Buy and Sell

For Sale: 1963 Impala, 2 dr. ht. running, 283 and powerglide transmission. \$3900. Call Kevin MePhedrin @ 604-271-3847.

For Sale: Small block Chevy headers, new ceramic coating, fits Camaro. \$250. Call Goron Koropchuk @ 604-574-4738.

For Sale: 1936 Ford ½ ton truck, flat head, all steel - Bellingham. \$4700. Call Len Golema @ 1-360-756-6517 or email @ golenny@hotmail.com

For Sale: 1955 Cadillac stuff, hubcaps, taillights, etc. 1963 Pontiac Grand Prix parts, taillights, grills, headlight rings, etc. Some 1966 & 67 Riviera parts, grills, etc. Numerous hubcaps, Cadillac, Chrysler, Lincoln, Chev. etc. All \$10 and up. Call Harvey Funk @ 604-530-6100.

For Sale: 1937 Ford steel hood hinges (Coupe). \$20. 1939 Ford chrome hood hinges for 2 dr. sedan. \$40. 1937 Ford front seat for 2 door. \$150. Call Bryan

@ 604-856-2960.

For Sale: Priced for quick sale !!! 1951 Chevy step-side pickup, partial restoration and painted Canary Yellow. Interior needs finishing. Original Parts. Straight 6 motor, 6 volt system. \$6,500 Located in Chase, BC. I can deliver on flat-deck trailer. Call Terry Klassen @ 1-250-679 8240 - Extension 221.

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Wanted: Donor car for 1947 Plymouth. I want to change to newer style chassis. Call Carey McKay @ 604-538-6762.

Wanted: Magazines - Mustang and Ford monthly. 15"x 7" Old school mags for Ford 1960's Cragor etc. Call Joe Morris @ 604-250-4325.



Photo | **Cam Hutchins**
Miriam Halliday, Francis Kendall, Harold Swift and Jenna Ostashe walking a horse and rider at the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association.

Extra horse power helping hot rodders and disabled riders this Christmas

When it comes to the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association, the 360 members of the B.C. Hot Rod Association have been in a giving mood for many years.

DALE CORY
 past reporter

The members of the B.C. Hot Rod Association are used to doing a lot of four-wheeled riding utilizing as much horse power as they can muster up.

So, it made perfect sense they hook up with the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association (VTEA), which has an equestrian centre at 3987 - 232 Street in Langley.

Therapeutic riding is widely accepted as a valuable method of improving the physical and mental well-being of people with special needs. Riding offers exercise, recreation, and a sense of achievement. In addition, riding provides independence from

artificial aids such as crutches and wheelchairs, allowing access over uneven trails to new sights, sounds and smells.

The VTEA started in 1983 with 20 riders using four ponies one day per week. The association now operates five days per week with 110 to 175 riders per eight-week session. Sixteen to 20 specially-trained horses and ponies are now utilized in this program. Dedicated instructors are examined and certified through the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association.

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For more information, call the VTEA at 604-888-1262.



Photos | **Cam Hutchins**
Right: Jenna Ostashe, Miriam Halliday, Francis Kendall, Harold Swift walk with a horse at Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association in Langley. Right: Swift, Bill Townsend, Agnes McCorquodale, Irene Schenk, Adam Kendall, Henry Tjars, Bill Alder, Keith Biddlecombe with their cheque presentation.

To make the story easier to read, below is the story part.

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