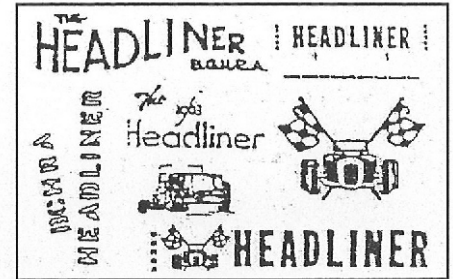


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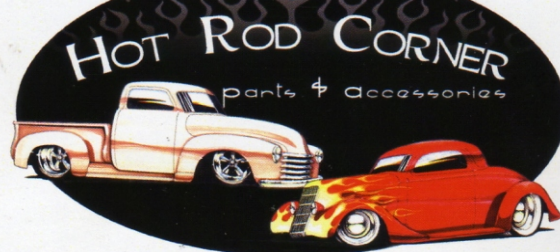
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BCHRA General Meeting

April 7, 2009

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

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

Art welcomed everyone to our April Meeting.

76 Members and 11 guests were in attendance for a total of 87.

President Art announced that this meeting was to be a “Dual Purpose” Meeting. April is always our **Annual General Meeting** with the procedures that are required each year. We were also going to have our usual general meeting agenda as well.

President Art also advised us that there were no new members to be introduced this month.

Next **President Art** asked **Pete Graw** to come forward for a special presentation. Pete announced that the executive had been discussing the topic of “**Life Time Members**” and had concluded that there were several candidates that should be considered for this special honor. Many factors were considered such as long term commitment to **BCHRA** and a seemingly endless and tireless efforts in many capacities to assist the club with it’s many projects and as well as service on the executive and many more items.

The **first candidate** to be nominated has a long history with **BCHRA** going back to the 1950s, was responsible for the reactivation of the club, participated in the 40th anniversary celebration as well as the 50th anniversary celebration, has served as President for several terms and is currently very involved with the ongoing discussions and negotiations with ICBC and the Dept. of Transport via the Specialty Vehicles Association. **The first nominee is Harold Wellenbrink.**

The **second candidate** to be nominated also has a very long history with **BCHRA** also going back to the 1950s. He has served in many capacities with the club. He was involved with the reactivation of the club along with the 40th anniversary celebration, the 50th Anniversary celebration, served coffee and eats at general meetings for several years, organized several major club participations in the Tradex shows in Abbotsford over the past several years as well as served on the executive. **The second nominee is Jerry Carvelli.**

The **third candidate** to be nominated has also been a tireless contributor in many capacities over the years and has handled the membership duties for several years. She has worked along with her husband on many of the Tradex shows keeping everything organized and keeping the communications flowing. She has also served our members with our coffee and eats at the general meetings for several years. And of course we all know that we are talking about **our third nominee Donna Carvelli.**

Pete Graw put forth a motion that all three nominees be voted into the “Life Time Membership” category along with our first two members **Jack Williams** and **Frank Kish**. **The motion was seconded by Joe Morris.** There was a vote by show of hands and the motion was carried.

So Congratulations to all three of these well deserving contributors and fine members of **BCHRA**. **President Art** also made it known that the executive had already developed a short list of candidates that would be considered next year. He also said that the executive is open to any input from members who would like to put forth names for consideration.

Pete Graw also put forth a second motion to have club membership number 1 rescinded forever and not to be reactivated again. Seconded by **Tony Stoter**. There was a vote by show of hands and the motion was carried.

Joe Morris began the introduction of guests by welcoming **Brian & Sandra Pahti** who own a 1948 Plymouth sporting 340 Mopar power.

Tom Whiffin welcomed out **Gordie Richter** who has owned a Model T Coup since 1968 as well as a 32 Duce. **Tom** also made sure that we all knew that one of our long term member (#61) **Bruce Metcalfe** was in attendance all the way from Prince George. Welcome **Bruce!!!** **Tom** also introduced **Allan Madowich** and **Bill Bigsby**.

Welcome to all of our guests!!

Minutes were presented as printed and distributed. **Denny Bromley** moved that the minutes be accepted as distributed, 2nd by **Mike Twitchell** and the minutes were adopted as distributed.

Business arising from the minutes: **Grant Chitty** spoke to the fact that all members who are now getting their Headliner via Email needed to be reminded that the actual headliner document is attached to the email and can be opened by simply clicking on the attachment to open the Headliner. He was making the point that the system was now improved and you no longer had to go to the web site and use a password to get to the Headliner. This is a good improvement and Grant encouraged more members to look at this option as a way to get the Headliner rather than by snail mail. This would save the club a lot of time and money, if most members were to get their Headliner via email. Thanks **Grant** for your words of wisdom.

President Art then officially changed the pace and opened the **Annual General Meeting portion of the meeting**. He began by announcing that there were no submissions for changes to the constitution and therefore there was nothing to present at this AGM on this subject.

Treasurer Keith Biddlecombe then distributed copies of the year end financial statements, to members to follow along with his presentation and explanation of the details. **Keith** did an excellent job of walking us through this year end statements and filled us all in on the changes in reporting that were necessary due to the fact that many membership dues were paid for a three year term and some of the cash receivables had to be carried forward to future years statements and reported at that time. He also advised us that these statements were audited again this year by club member **Jim Mason**.

Joe Morris put forth a motion to have the year end financial statements accepted as presented. 2nd by **Bill Townsend**. There was a vote by show of hands....carried.

President Art then officially closed the AGM for another year. Back to the general meeting.

Committee Reports:

John Poanessa – Membership: reported that the club had a current active paid up membership total of 265 members. He also reported that there were a total of 661 names that were members on our list but at present, 396 of these people were what he called inactive members.

Of the 265 members that were currently paid up active members, 130 of these had renewed for the three year term. He was also able to tell us that only 103 of these paid up active members were getting their Headliner by email. As Grant Chitty had mentioned earlier in the meeting, it would be a welcome change to see many more members to move to the email list for the Headliner.

Darlene Driedger – Headliner: reported that all was in good shape with the Headliner. She advised that we had many renewals already in for the business card adds. There is a new format this year that allows for more room for additional ads to be added to this monthly production. So if you are interested, please contact **Darlene, publisher of the Headliner**.

Dar also asked for more member participation with more short stories or summaries of shows attended and who was there and who won awards etc. She also welcomed more pictures of these events that she could add to the reporting. Don't be shy...it can be fun to get involved and share with the rest of our members.

Cam Hutchins – Web Site: no report.

We then took a break from the formal process to listen to Vice President **Joe Morris** as he told us his story about a 1946 Ford. Back in 1980, Joe had purchased this beauty and loved to drive it all over the lower mainland. He was a virtual hell on wheels until he started his family. They had three sons and the family just loved to go cruising in the 46. Then some tough times came in 1994 and Joe had to sell the car. It was indeed a sad day. His sons were ages 3, 4, & 5 at that time.

So only recently Joe was seriously wanting to get a new ride and get back into the Hot Rod scene. He wanted to see if he could find another 46 Ford to build again. In January of 2008 he was looking on the internet and found an add for the same car as he had so many years back. So Joe and his sons decided to go and take a look at this 1946 Ford.

They were suspicious that it may be his original 46 so Joe said to his son “Do not say anything to the seller if it was in fact their original 46”. So they were all excited to go and check it out. Well as soon as the owner opened the door and they walked in and checked it out, his son could not keep quiet and just had to say “Dad this really is our old car!!!”

So needless to say, the seller of the car picked up on this little comment and Joe was not able to negotiate the price one thin dime!!! Well along story short and they bought back their original 46.

Joe was proud to say that 14 months later he was pleased to drive his completely redone 46 to our meeting tonight and that it was out there in the parking lot for all to come and see. Nice story Joe, thanks for sharing!!!!

Well there was just a few minutes left before coffee was going to be ready so Joe decided that since he was already on a roll and he loved the attention.....he would tell us all about his first date with his girlfriend (now his wife).

He remembered this first date very vividly. She was a real looker and he was very excited that she had agreed to go out with him. So where else to go but to the drive in theatre? Joe said that they were having a great time all snuggled up in the front seat....watching the movie. Then **Joe** got the idea..... why not ask her if she wanted to get into the back seat? Her response was a definite NO.

So **Joe** waited for the intermission and thought that perhaps he should go to the concession stand and buy her some food. This should do the trick!!! So there they were sitting in the front seat as the movie began again. Finally **Joe** gets up the nerve to ask her one more time....would you like to get into the back seat? Immediately the answer was again NO. Well **Joe** said that he was getting a bit frustrated about this whole series of events and decided to confront her about it.

He said to her.....“What is the matter with you? Why are you not willing to get into the back seat?” Well she said..... “That’s simple, I want to stay up front with you!!!!”

Well **Joe** that story brought the house down!!! We all loved it!!! What an unexpected ending!!! Thanks again **Joe** for sharing your love life with us all!!!

Coffee Break:

50/50 Draw was next. **The \$180.00 pot went to Andy Grange** who generously donated back \$40.00 to the coffee fund. Thank you **Andy!!!**

Keith Robinson sent in a big “**Thank You**” from all of the guys up north . They are always pleased to get a card from **Ellie** and see their names mentioned by **Darlene** in the Headliner and a **special thanks to Tom Whiffin** for all of his personal efforts to keep the communications flowing with our members up north. **Way to go Tom , Ellie and Darlene!!!**

Harold Wellenbrink – SVA Report: **Harold Wellenbrink** took the floor and started off with a heart felt Thank you to all of the members for his nomination into the Life Time Members category. **Harold was very pleased to be able to report that he had his meeting with the CEO of ICBC and their Chief Underwriter.** The new CEO is a young Business man who knew nothing about our hobby and the history of all of the negotiations that have been going on for all of these years. So **Harold** was able to discuss with these people the history of SVA and the ongoing relationship going all the way back to 1987 and the collector car classification and the expansion into the Modified collector class for cars 1949 to 1958.

Then **Harold** was able to position for them where we are today and what was on our “Wish List” which included the expansion of years beyond 1958 for modified class; the composite body cars (**Harold** presented the history of these cars in the USA and the stats from south of the border); the issue of seat belts in all collector cars and finally the subject of “U built cars” or kit cars. **Harold** felt that they were appreciative for the time he spent with them and what they had learned. They did express some mild optimism for the future and that they looked forward to more discussions on the many subjects.

Harold also gave a quick summary regarding the SVA AGM that has just gone by and renewed his commitment to keep pressing forward with their agenda of items with ICBC and the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

Great work Harold!!! Thank you for your personal commitment and endless hours on all of our behalf!!!

Coming Events: as reported on by our new Director of Special Events Bill Townsend:

April 25/26th 2009 BC Classic & Custom Car Show at the Tradex in Abbotsford BC. We have made arrangements to have a 6 car display at this show to keep **BCHRA** in the spot light. See **Bill Townsend** or call him at 604-589-3404 if you would like to have your ride in this display. Also **Bill** wanted us all to know that any member who wants a free pass into the show can get one by simply parking your ride on the grass outside the Tradex entrance to add to the attraction for visitors.

Regular Cruise nite: **Bill** announced that he is planning a regular cruise night once a month through out the summer months. The first one will be May. He’s trying to get feedback from members regarding Tuesday or Wednesday nights. He will try to have the cruises when other events will not interfere. Each night will be approximately 1 hour long and will end at a particular destination for perhaps a garage tour or some other such event. So make sure you come out to next month’s general meeting to find out the details on the May Cruise!!! But don’t worry, if you can’t make the meeting, **Bill** will have the details on the **BCHRA** web site too.

Park Royal August 15th, 2009: this is the third and last one under the current contract with Park Royal. In other words, we had signed a three year deal with the Park Royal Management and this one is the last of the three year deal. Yes, the team is already working on a new deal for the future. However, it is very important that we make this one a really big showing. The goal is 100 cars on display.

Make sure that you block this date on your calendar NOW so you do not miss out. **Bill** is also in the process of organizing some activities for members to participate in if you do not want to sit in a chair beside your ride. He is also trying to arrange some discount coupons from some of the merchants in the Mall for our members.

Remember, this event is a very important event for **BCHRA** as it brings in \$5000.00 into the club to help pay for the many things that we do such as our summer BBQ. **Bill** suggested that we all commit to be there and also encouraged us all to bring a friend that also has a ride that could be added to the ranks to help us hit the 100 total needed. The more the merrier.

100 Mile House July 9,10,11th, 2009: There has been arrangements made to reserve a block of 18 rooms at the Ramada Inn (just a one year old Inn – very nice and clean). A special room rate has been arranged by

Henry Tjart for those who would like to stay at the Ramada. You must call in and book your room before June 1st. in order to get the deal. After that the reservation on the block of rooms will be lifted.

Remember, last year we had a great number of members go up together for this event. It was well organized and a lot of fun for all. This year, the executive have decided to have an informal **BCHRA** meeting and agenda to be held for our northern members!!! Also, if you want to bring a travel trailer, there is a location for you to park all together.

And also remember, you do not have to have your ride finished to attend any of these events. All members and their families are welcome to attend and you can come in your daily driver. We just want you to come and be a part of these "Happenings".

Lastly, **Harvey Funk** had just returned from a holiday in Perth, Australia. He treated us all with a slide show of the many hot rods that he took pictures of while he was down there taking in some show and shines. Our very accomplished **Grant Chitty** was on hand with the computer and projector again to present these great pictures for us all to see. Many thanks to **Harvey and Grant** for a very enjoyable presentation!!

Good of the Order: We have learned that member **Bill Bradley** has gone in for Cancer surgery. If you know **Bill**, check in on him and his family. We are sure that they would welcome the support.

Motion to adjourn Jerry Carvelli, 2nd Joe Morris 9:30 pm.

Buy & Sell

For Sale: 1957 Chev Bel Air, new 350 motor (200 miles on motor) with 385 HP, 4 speed on the floor, new rad, s/s gas tank, power steering, 4 door, everything under hood is new. Interior and exterior is in excellent condition, runs well, with lots of power. Must sell - asking 20,900 obo. Pictures - bev631@hotmail.com or call Bev Young @ 604-859-2680.

Wanted: Looking for old gas station memorabilia, auto posters, and old Life and Saturday Evening Post magazines. Call Joe Morris @ 604-250-4325.

In Memoriam

Davey Roy long time BCHRA member and supporter passed away early morning of Good Friday. Memorial service will be held in Prince George Sunday the 19th. Members from across BC are expected to be at the memorial.

We regret to inform everyone that Judy Kish has passed away, wife of Frank Kish (who was one of the original members and one of the main start up guys from the resurrection) of BCHRA in 1997. Memorial service to be announced later. She will be greatly missed by Frank and family.

Meetings for May and June will be tight for parking, so please arrange to carpool, due to baseball diamonds being used at our original meeting hall. Please note July meeting will be at Barnes Harley Davidson on SE corner of 200th at #1 Hwy. Come early to view the facility.

August meeting will be held at Ken Ransfords in Langley. Please bring chairs. Maps and directions later.

Central Interior News, Views and Gossip...

Hey, any of you lower mainland guys who are ever in Prince George, our HOT ROD breakfast happens every Saturday, year round, at 8am at the Bon Voyage Restaurant/Motel which is on the west side of the city. Rain or shine and bring your rides when the weather agrees. Bruce Metcalf, senior in charge.

This year the Cruisin' Classics Car Club of Prince George is moving their Father's Day Show from the downtown area to Pine Centre Mall parking lot. Seems the downtown business folks have some internal problems necessitating the move. This deal usually attracts about 300 cars from the surrounding area. They say it is the 35th, but my math sez 31st. Aw, history is more or less bunk anyway, right? I think some past execs miscounted along the way. Date is June 21st.

Some of us northern members are looking forward to joining our southern counterparts at the 100 Mile House deal in July. Hope to see lots of you there ! www.cruisinclassics.ca/RegistrationForm.htm

Keith Robinson, Prince George

Recall of faulty tire valve stems expanded

The recall of millions of faulty tire valve stems from China we wrote about last week has been expanded. The rubber replacement valve stems in question may crack prematurely and cause tires to lose air quickly. At high speeds such rapid deflation can cause a serious crash.

Tire accessory distributor Tech International of Johnstown, Ohio, originally recalled model TR-413, which was manufactured for Dill Air Control Products of Oxford, N.C. by Topseal Shanghai Auto-Parts Co. Ltd. in China. The company said at that time the recall involved as many as six million valve stems.

But Tech International has now expanded the recall to include five additional models—TR-413CH, TR-414, TR-415, TR-418 and TR-423—manufactured between August 2006 and November 2006. Tech Int'l did not say how many of those additional models of valve stems it has distributed. Dill said earlier that it had shipped as many as 30 million of the TR-413 valve stems in the North American market.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opened an investigation of the valve stems on May 15.

Most consumers will have a hard time figuring out with any certainty if they have any of the defective valve stems on their tires, however. That's because once a valve stem is installed, the only way to check to see if it is one of the suspected models is to dismount the tire from the wheel and inspect it from the inside.

Eugene Petersen, program leader for tire testing at, says motorists should conduct a visual inspection of their valve stems to check for cracks. To do this, he says, remove the hubcap.

<http://blogs.consumerreports.org/safety/2008/06/valve-stem-reca.html>

Yearly Dementia Test

It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. Take the test presented here to

determine if you're losing it or not. The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've made your answer. OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading a more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said "water", proceed to question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks,"why are you still reading these??? If you said "glass," go on to Question 4.

4. Its twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany, West Germany, or no man's land"?

Answer: You don't bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop. If you said, "You don't bury survivors", proceed to the next question.

5. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver? **Answer:** Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!! *****

“Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, Woo Hoo.. What a ride!!!!”

Dang Trees

A Newfie - Kenny was driving home after downing a few at the local pub. He turns a corner and much to his horror he sees a tree in the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid it and almost too late realizes that there is yet another tree directly in his path. He swerves again and discovers that his drive home has turned into a slalom course, causing him to veer from side to side to avoid all the trees!

Moments later he hears the sound of a police siren and brings his car to a stop. The officer approaches Kenny's car and asks him what on Earth he was doing!

Kenny tells his story of the trees in the road when the officer stops him mid sentence and says. . ' Fer Pity' sakes Kenny! That's yer air freshener!"

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