

BCHRA General Meeting

September 1, 2009

Meeting held at Barnes Harley Davidson at 200 St. and the freeway, Langley B.C.

Meeting called to order by **President Art Brumpton** at 7:45pm.

Art welcomed everyone to our September Meeting.

80 Members at the meeting. This location was a test run for this month at this location. The meeting was held outside and a great time was had by all in spite of the fact that the rain clouds rolled in and we had a few drops come down.

The start time for this meeting was set early at 6:30 pm so that there could be some hot dogs and hamburgers prepared as a pre-meeting treat. **Chef President Art** and **Chef Jim Lyons** did a great job on the BBQ, and we really need to give a huge “**THANK YOU**” to **Carol Brumpton** for her huge contribution in all of the preparation of all of the platters of tomatoes, onions, buns, and all of the finger food. **The presentation was just great Carol!!**

President Art started the meeting by asking for a motion from the floor for this meeting to a shorter version by suspending the usual reports from each of the Committees. The motion to suspend the committee reports this month was presented by **Jim Greenwood** and seconded by **Drew De Haan**.

President Art began by introducing **Mr. & Mrs. Greg Barnes of Barnes Harley** and thanked them for providing this “**Host Location**” for our meeting this month. Art then presented them with a plaque of appreciation for their support of **BCHRA**.

President Art welcomed newly approved members:

Mike Jackson – Surrey – 51 Ford coupe

Bob Biggelaar – Maple Ridge – 27 ford sedan delivery

President Art then called on **Ken & Brenda Ransford** so that he could present them with a plaque of appreciation for hosting our August meeting at their new farm and shop. A great time was had by all at this meeting and the ground literally shook when (the boys) **Ken & Frank** fired up their Blown Hemi powered Rat Rod. Very impressive to say the least. **Frank Bevacqua** accepted the plaque on behalf of **Ken & Brenda**.

Park Royal Event:

Next up were **Dan London & Denny Bromley** to report on the **BCHRA Show at Park Royal**. To say the very least, it was a HUGE success. **Denny and Dan** both expressed their sincere gratitude for the outstanding support of our membership. The final count was **103 BCHRA rides** at the show **plus an additional 18 rides from the North Shore**

Rod & Custom Club. This brought the **total up to 121 rides**all the best of the best to be an outstanding presentation of **BCHRA.** We did ourselves proud!!!

The **Park Royal people** were also very pleased. The weather co-operated and the Park Royal people stated that this was the biggest crowd attraction so far. All of the shop owners reported a huge increase in traffic through their stores. **Denny and Dan** were pleased to announce that Park Royal has extended the opportunity to **BCHRA** for another two years with a possible option for a third. The discussions will be continuing.

President Art was very pleased to present both **Dan London & Denny Bromley** with plaques of appreciation for all of their hard work for three years running on this Park Royal event. **Way to go guys!!!** It is members like you two who make **BCHRA** such a successful club. We are proud of you.

BCHRA Annual Picnic Event:

Next up was **VP Joe Morris** who has also been “Nose to the grind stone” on the upcoming **September 13th Picnic in conjunction with the Langley Cruise In** - September 11-13th this next week end. Joe reported on all of the great activities and things to expect when you come out for our Annual Picnic.

- **September 13th Sunday**
- **Starts at 11:00 am till 3:00pm**
- Location: the **Historical Langley Speedway** site
- Take **16th Ave.** from either direction and go **SOUTH on 208th St.** to the end
- Follow the road into the park area.
- There is camping area on your right for tents, trailers and RV's on the grass.
- You must register and the fee is \$10.00/night payable to the Speedway Society.
- **Bring your own chairs to sit on**
- Remember, **this function is for members and their significant others, no guests or children please.**
- There are goodie bags, door prizes, and a DJ, three big top tents for shade and portable toilets. We have two thirds of the whole park area and race track for our cars to park on and there will be members there to direct you to the appropriate spot to park your ride.
- The meal being catered will be Baron of Beef and Chicken with all of the trimmings.
- **So plan to be there. You must sign in down at the entrance of the race track where you will be given a wrist band that allows you to eat dinner. So make sure you check in properly!!!**

Langley Cruise-In Event:

Harold Swift then took the floor and spoke about the **Langley Cruise-In Event** that has things happening starting Friday evening September 11th with a cruise around town; the main event - the Show & Shine September 12th on the streets of old down town Langley; and the Swap Meet on Sunday morning September 13th. and **then our BBQ @ 11:00.**

For all BCHRA members that plan to attend the Saturday show with their ride and all park together; he stated that the usual meeting place at the **Kwantlen College** parking lot - east of the corner of the Langley By-Pass and Glover Road will be the meeting place. Plan to get there early 6:30 am. Then the whole gang will be taken into the designated area and all parked together. See you there!!

President Art added that there will be a **cruise-in on Saturday night at Barnes Harley on 200th street and the Freeway**. Feel free to drop in any time after 5:00 pm. It is open to all hotrodders.

Halloween Dance / Party / Social Event:

Bill Townsend was pleased to report that the Halloween dance & party is well on its way to become yet another historic event!!

- Yes the hall is booked.- Murrayville Community Hall, 21667 48A Avenue, Langley, BC
- The live band is booked – Keith Diamond & the Rockets
- The caterer is booked – dinner 9:00 to 9:30 start
- Costumes are compulsory (unless you want to become the victim of Bill's wild humor)
- The tickets are now available at an outstanding value at: one for \$20 or two for \$40.
- And yes the date is set – **OCTOBER 31st**
- The doors open at 6:30 pm
- There will be prize for the best costumes
- For tickets call Donna Carvelli at 604-530-8555 or Bill Townsend at 604-589-3404

The Vancouver Motor Sports Society:

Jim Greenwood spoke about the upcoming annual induction meeting for people who have contributed greatly to the hobby of motor sports of all types. Mark your calendars for **October 18th** and plan to attend at the Scandinavian Hall near 8 rinks in Burnaby. For more information call **Jim at 604-682-2631**.

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that he had attended meetings with ICBC and was pleased to report that **ICBC** has stated that there will be little or no more changes or enhancements to our existing Collector and Modified Collector plate program. Their focus for the next year or two will be on the trucking industry, where they have huge issues that need all of their attention. Harold did say that he would continue to keep the doors open for future communications.

Coffee Break:

50/50 draw: The winner of this months draw for \$201.50 was Jerry Yakymchuk. Thank you **Jerry** for your donation back to the coffee fund.

One of the hot topics around the coffee break discussions seems to have been focusing on one of our **very popular Female Members**. As the story goes our beloved **Headliner Publisher** was out to the cruise-in at **Barnes Harley** the other evening and was stimulated by the burn out demonstrations, that took place that evening and she decided to show the world and all of the spectators, there that evening, that she had not lost her touch when it comes to doing burn outs. So that shiny '68 Chevy pickup was pulled out onto the street and she lit them up pretty good. Not satisfied, Dar decided to give it another go. This time things got off to a spectacular start until certain parts started breaking up and out flies the drive shaft.....Well, Dar was a whole lot embarrassed when the fire trucks rolled in, to deal with the spilled gas due to a gas tank puncture.

So the morale of the story....."Don't try this at home" and if you must, make sure that there are lots of friends around to help you out, if things go wrong.....**Way to go Dar!!!** You showed them all that your Chevy is more than just a "Pretty Truck"!!!! (by the way, many thanks to husband **Brian** who had all of the repairs done and the truck back on the road for the very next weekend! **Way to go Brian!!**

Coming events:

Don Richmond reminded us that the **Silver Reef Casino** show was coming up on **September 15th**. The casino is located 15 miles south on I-5 to exit 260 then 4 miles west. Can't miss it!!

Good of the Order:

President Art advised us that **Bill Alder** in the Vancouver General Hospital for a series of tests. **We all wish you the very best Bill. Hope to see you at the BBQ.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Buy & Sell

For Sale: Almost new BF Goodrich tires mounted on beautiful chrome Cragar wire rims with knock offs. Fronts: BF Goodrich Radial T/A P185/70 R14. Rears: BF Goodrich Radial T/A P255/70 R15. These rims are multi - fit 5 lug that will fit Ford, Chevy or Dodge. Perfect package to complete your Hot Rod or Custom Car. Call Dave Horton @ 604-929-4314.

For Sale: 1936 Ford, 5 window coupe, flat head V8, runs, Fenton headers, 1940 Ford front and rear hydraulic brakes, new exhaust, new battery (6 volt), there is an extra 1939 Ford synchromesh tranny, and lots of extra parts. Asking \$15,000. Call Gordy Koropchuk @ 604-574-4738.

What has the Specialty Vehicle Association of BC done for you in the past 30 years?

In late 1980 a volunteer (also a member of the Vintage Car Club) worked on behalf of the SVABC to create the 'Collector Plate Program,' which afforded owners of vintage and stock vehicles more flexibility in their use. The original program was achieved in June 1990 for stock restored vehicles only. Over the next 10 years the SVABC worked for expansion of the Collector Plate Program to include vehicles that were modified from stock (the Hot Rod era) up to 1948 model year. After a further 6 years of meetings and discussion, the 'Modified' portion was expanded to include up to 1958 models which would cover most of the custom car vehicles.

At the same time, Period and Era correct accessories, along with Safety upgrades were agreed to and approved by ICBC.

We continue to meet with Government agencies, ICBC and Motor Vehicles on all matters pertaining to the Collector Car hobby.

Here is where we are going next!

- a) Correct registration for modified vehicles
- b) Registration for out of province vehicles
- c) The inclusion of composite bodies vehicles into the program
- d) Increase the eligibility date of the modified vehicle program

To obtain the complete history of the SVABC go to the website www.sva.bc.ca and look under 'History'.

Remember the SVABC is another car club. It is a group of dedicated volunteers working on your behalf on all and any issues that affect your right to drive and maintain your old vehicle. Membership, volunteers and financial assistance in these efforts is sought. Please go to www.sva.bc.ca for a membership application form.

MacKenzie Car Show

We had a GREAT show starting with Bill & Dianne Townsend and Jerry & Donna Carvelli coming to visit us on the Thursday and staying till Monday morning. We showed them around town and to some of our lakes and camping areas.

Our show was held on July 18th with 74 cars from Fort St. John, Dawson, Chetwyn, Prince George, Hixon and other areas. The day started with GREAT weather and deteriorated to rain. They moved presentations up earlier and indoors, so no one got too wet.

This show has grown in size each year and will be on again next year. Thanks to the Townsend's and Carvelli's. All are welcome next year.

Bob & Darlene Whitwick

Dawson Creek Car Show

We arrived in Dawson on Thursday afternoon and set up our trailers. We met some of the travellers on their way to Alaska.

We enjoyed our early time exploring Dawson. When registration was about to start, a massive thunderstorm came into the area with lightning and rain. Lightning shut down over half of Dawson, so registration and BBQ at the Co-op was cancelled and the event was moved to a covered display area at the Chrysler Dealership and went well with NO power.

Saturday was a lot better weather and the poker run was put on all around Dawson, ending at the Casino. A short while later, we all met at the Heritage Village for the BBQ steak & chicken dinner and fixings. After the meal we had awards for the poker run and a 1/16 die cast race held in the hall. Those who wanted could sit and visit, go through the historical village, explore town or go their own ways.

On Sunday was the car show in downtown Dawson around the Mile-0 post. The 10 winners from last year were part of the mile post and show cards. All the downtown was shut down and approximately 250 cars were in attendance for the show. The show was over about 3:00 with presentations made to the winners at the Mile-O post with all the new winners around the circle. Great show!! We went home Monday in the rain, as far as Chetwyn. We met new people from Grande Prairie and Tumbler Ridge and now have more friends to visit.

Bob & Darlene Whitwick

Speak Your Mind

Editor's note: Below is a partial excerpt of a story from the St. John Telegraph-Journal in New Brunswick. It was emailed to me a few months back. I thought it would be of interest to gearheads across the country. If you don't think we're going to have a fight - and I mean that in a non-physical manner - to keep our cars on the road in the future just listen to what the people in this article are saying about one Moncton, New Brunswick biggest annual tourist attractions. For a full version check out the Telegraph-Journal website at telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com

The number of cars grew to over 1,800, the paid attendance increased to more than 40,000 people, and the economic spin-off has Moncton businesses revving their engines. And while last weekend's Atlantic National car show maintained its title as the largest in the country, local environmentalists are saying something else increased - the environmental footprint - and it has them asking: Isn't this regressive to any kind of green initiative?

"It's a celebration of carbon," said Michel Desjardins, spokesperson for newly formed Post Carbon Greater Moncton. "I feel these festivals are a reflection of the car culture we have created and need to move away from." A growing number of concerned citizens in Moncton came together for the post carbon groups first meeting last month to consider ideas to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Car shows are the opposite of their plans.

"For me it's a celebration of something we just won't be able to enjoy in the future" said Desjardins. "I just feel a lot of people that attend these events or promote them are in for a rude awakening on the kind of world we are going into." Environmental advocates said they wanted to

remain respectful and polite to what clearly thousands care about, but at the same time it's hard to comprehend celebrating a problem.

Brent Crowhurst, renewable energy program coordinator for the Fallbrook Centre, a non-governmental organization that supports local communities and organizations to adapt to sustainability, says car shows need to be touted as a look back. "Absolutely there is concern," said Crowhurst. "When we see things like that, we just hope they are talking about this as the past. It's an electric car future."

This was in the Canadian Hot Rod Magazine – submitted by Bob Whitwick

Do you ever wonder how all those OLD cars get across the US border.



Why is it?

Why is it that if you cross the North Korean border illegally, you get thrown into prison and get 12 years of hard labour?

Why is it if you cross the Iranian border (while out supposedly leisurely hiking in the hills), you get arrested and imprisoned...

But if you cross the Canadian border illegally, you get a drivers license, a Social Insurance card, free health care and welfare payments.

Whose bright idea was this ??



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