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On a second note **Harold** has stepped down from the position of president of SVA. Riccardo Sestito is the new president and we look forward to Riccardo keeping up the great work **Harold** did for our hobby. Two other members of our club Terry Bellinger and Cliff Haller sit on the SVA committee.

COFFEE BREAK & 50/50 DRAW

The winner of the 50/50 pot of \$191.00 was **Roy Gervan** who donated back \$20.00 to the coffee fund. Thanks **Roy** for your generosity.

REMINDER - B.C. Classic and Custom Car Show April 23 – 25. The Tradex has offered **BCHRA** members with pre 1970 vehicles outside parking on the lawn at no charge, if we look after the administration of the outside parking. Bill Townsend already has a committee in place. One free admission ticket will be given for displaying your car.

Jerry Carvelli spoke to the club about some members who have contributed many years service and should be recognized for their time and contribution to the club. The three members are **Pete Graw, Drew DeHaan** and **Randy McKinnon** which were honoured the **SPECIAL SERVICES AWARD** tonight. They were presented with a plaque, except for Randy, who was not present as he was too busy trying to read the instructions on how to build a new shed. These gentlemen gave 5 years service, which is an extraordinary amount of time to hold a position and for this. **We congratulate you and Thank You for a job well done.** As well, **Jerry** on behalf of the executives, recommended these members for the following status - **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** - **Bill Townsend, Jim Green and Ron Latham. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP- Dave Boyce. Cam Hutchins** made a motion to vote, **Harold Wellenbrink** seconded the motion. Club members voted and approved all 4 members. Plaques will be presented at a later date.

Good of the order: Bob Ewen has suffered a heart attack, presently is at the hospital in Prince George, waiting to be moved to Richmond by air ambulance, as soon as a bed is available. They received this info first by a phone call from **Al Brown** of Queensborough, to **Truman Bradley** in Telkwa, who, in turn, phoned **Bruce Metcalf** in Prince George, who visited **Bob** in the hospital, then called **Keith Robinson**. Some pretty incredible guys in the club all over the province. **Keith** visited **Bob**, as well Dianne (Bob's wife) was there and they are going out for lunch and give her a tour of the town. **Keith** reported **Bob's** spirits were good and he is very impressed with the care he has received in Prince George.

Dave Wilson has received his liver transplant and has had a lot of set backs, the latest one being a surprise hernia which put him back into hospital. He can have visitors but I am not sure how long he will be there. He is at VGH on T4C ward. He would love visitors in hospital and at home. Phone before going there.

Bruce Bensmiller passed away on April 3. **Neil Smith** stepped up and said some kind words and told a few stories about our fellow hot rodder. He told us, he is in a better place now as he has had many difficulties in the last years. There was a memorial at the Murrayville Hall on April 9th. **Barb** we wish you the best.

Bill Townsend mentioned he is working on a garage tour in conjunction with another car club in May. More information to follow at the May meeting.

Motion to adjourn was proposed by **Lorne Kampf**, seconded by **Moe Jones**.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Buy & Sell:

For Sale: -1936 Ford coupe rolling chassis with running 400 SBC, Turbo 400 trans, 12 bolt GM posi rear end, Mustang 2 front end, Sanderson, Edelbrock, Walker, Lokar, Gennie, Centerline wheels, B & M, have all participated in this chassis. Ready for your 35 to 40 Ford body, Price: \$10,500;
- 1966 - 67 Chevy 2 auto floor shift console with shifter and SS logo \$700.00;
- SBC ram horn exhaust \$50.00;
- Misc. LS-2 engine parts from a '06 GTO priced from \$50.00 to \$150.00.
Call Terry at 604-467-8832 or 604-467-9104.

For Sale: 1963 Sunbeam Alpine GT original car, #'s matching, new paint, carpets, windshield, many other new parts, 4 cyl dual rebuilt carbs, too much to list. Collector plates, hardtop w/new headliner. Great car for wife/girlfriends but not both. \$16,500 obo. Call Frank @ 250-338-6134 or fleigh@telus.net

For Sale: 12,000 pound Baymate, four post hoist, made in Canada, with air locks, 240 volt one phase two center lifts to raise wheels. \$1,500. Call Garry Marshall @ 604-513-4257 for more info.

For Sale: 1973 Chevy ½ ton with flat deck, good shape. \$500 obo. Call Frank @ 604-942-3711.

For Sale: -1953 + Studebaker headlight rims (chrome);
-1979 Cadillac Coup de Ville silver/black & red interior, 2nd owner, 95,000 miles. \$1,400;
-1966 Riviera G5, collector plated, gold/black interior, spare parts & wheels etc. \$10,600;
-1955 Cadillac wheels with www (older) hubcaps & numerous 50's & 60's hubcaps, \$10 & up;
-1996 Fleetwood 'Boulder' 32 ft. MH, 454 Chev. Basement model, 57,000 km, \$28,500. Call Harvey Funk @ 604-530-6100 or sofunke@gmail.com

For Sale: 1947 Mercury convertible restored rod, 350/700R, 500 diff. Call after May 5th or leave message. Call Cliff Haller @ 604-940-0997 or cliffhaller@dccnet.com

Wanted: 1969-72 Chevy Nova project, parts or whole car. Call Frank @ 604-942-3711.

Wanted: -1926-27 T front fenders, also need good sedan windshield frame for same, no junk please;
-1941-48 Chev. Coupe trunk lid, also need rear fenders for same, we don't want to use fiberglass, must be in descent shape. Call Rolly Cole @ 604-702-0680 shop hours.

It's a busy, busy time of year.....as we're all trying to balance domestic/yard chores with getting our hotrods ready for another summer of cruising.....and only 10 days left to the Tradex Show, so need to "kick it up" a notch on preparations.

Once again, Bill Townsend as our Director of Special Events, has applied his formidable negotiating skills to arranging for BCHRA cars to lawn park in front of the Tradex for free plus a Pass into the Show....all we do is administer the parking.....all in addition to having a selection of BCHRA rides in the building come out & support this effort.

The "Dan & Denny" team are ready to go on the Park Royal BCHRA Event on August 21st with Hot Rod Saturday.....as they introduce improvements to the schedule, a breakfast at Tomahawk is a strong lure to attend this premier Event.....so let's plan to exceed 2008's BCHRA car count of over 100 rides.

Approved at our April Meeting, LifeTime & Honorary Membership Awards will be presented at our May meeting, so please plan to attend and help applaud the recipientsthese members have contributed greatly towards the success of BCHRA and it's legacy.

Speaking of LifeTime members, Big Kudo's to Harold Wellenbrink for his outstanding guidance of the SVO of BC over the past several years.....with a new President elected to head up the SVO, Harold can step back with pride and enjoy his strong car habit.

Seems Duece Days in Victoria is once again proving to be one of the premier Events in 2010.....with a registration cut-off of 850 cars, pre-reggie's totaled over 820 as of last week with nearly half being 32's WOW.....who's ever heard of an event being 100% soldout months beforehand ??? Simply amazing to me.....the support of DD's is enhanced by the LA Roadsters making DD's one of their 3 Official Events to attend in 2010 and reggie's from California are 1/3 of total received to date.

For "us hot rod" drivers, DD's can be fully enjoyed by hooking up with the Canadian Hot Rod Tour which gets underway the prior weekend in Lethbridge.....Shantz & I are registered for the "full meal" deal from Lethbridge, but you can join up at any point between, as are other BCHRA members.....any member wishing to participate, give me a call & I'll share our itinerary with you the more, the merrier. Details of CHR Tour are on their website "www.canadianrodder.com" coming out and participating in these events is a sure way to keep 'em healthy and successful.

Great turn-out last Friday to Memorial for Bruce Bensmiller and in support of Barb, also a BCHRA member.....similiar get-together in Prince George for Anniversary of Davey Roy's untimely passing, another BCHRA member and supporter.

Get Well Wishes to Bob Ewen and Dave Wilson, both mending in hospitals, and a BIG THANKS to Pr Geo BCHRA members for getting in and seeing Bob.

Keep driving safely, The Prez

VERY IMPORTANT - Please take the time to read this and write or email the Federal Government now.

Ladies and Gentleman we have been able to push this leaded racing fuel topic to its final conclusion with the help of many clubs and organizations across Canada. We need your help for the LAST step and then we are finished for approximately 5 more years. The NAACC asks that you please email Mr. Leif Stephanson at: fuels-carburants@ec.gc.ca or write to the address below-please sign the letter and enter your address under the date.

Leif Stephanson
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April 15, 2010

Re: Leaded Racing Fuel Gazette, Part I, Publication, Ottawa, March 25, 2010

Dear Mr. Stephanson,

I am a British Columbia Hot Rod Association member. (BCHRA)

My family and I fully support the use of Leaded Racing fuel for competition purposes in Canada. Please grant the proposed five year extension for leaded racing fuel use as soon as possible.

I am also writing to you because many racetracks have already planned their schedules for 2010 and are expecting competition from the USA. Hotels and lodging, airfare and travel commitments have already been made. The World of Outlaws is scheduled to race in Thorold Ontario on June 17th 2010. The Grand Bend Motor-plex will host their Spring Nationals on June 11, 12 and 13th in Ontario. It is hoped that these races, as well as many others across the country will not have to be cancelled because of the time delay in making this fuel decision.

In closing, 98.5% of all the leaded fuel in Canada is used by the aircraft industry for both commercial and pleasure purposes. The aircraft industry already has a permanent exemption to use leaded fuel. The remaining 1.5% is used in Canada by the US and Canadian racing fraternities. These highly efficient vehicle engines burn extremely clean. I am under the impression that environmental tests at race tracks such as Mission Raceway in Mission, British Columbia have shown no measurable results.

The financial spin-offs from motorsport racing across Canada are significant! Tourism, race related sales and manufacturing in our local communities are all positives in my view. I urge the Federal Government to allow the continued use of leaded racing fuel in Canada.

I respectfully ask for a timely decision and thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

BCHRA Member



Bruce Wallace Bensmiller passed away suddenly, after a lengthy illness. He was born July 12, 1938 in New Westminster. He passed peacefully April 3, 2010 in Langley, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his best friend Barbara, his wife for 48 years. Bruce was very active in many things, most notably lacrosse, hockey, and cars, be it stock car racing in his younger years or most recently restoring hot rods. Through his love of hot rods, he gained many valuable and loving friends, who will miss the sense of humour that "Otis" had. A gathering was held on Friday April 9, 2010, from 3:00-5:00 at the Murrayville Hall on 21667 48th Ave. Langley. Many relatives, friends and hot-rodder attended to pay their respects to Barbara and to reminisce of the things that 'Otis' did. We will all miss 'Otis's' breakfasts in the New Year, that Bruce & Barb had for many of us hot rodders.



Artwork by Blair Howatt

Many BCHRA members won awards at the recent World of Wheels car show at Tradex this January 2010 but Rich Ulvid won the Best Hot Rod by Guest celebrity Bo Huff. Bo has been building rods since he was a kid and now lives in Utah. He was invited up to the Fraser Valley World of Wheels as a guest judge and all around celebrity. He walked around and liked what he saw in Canada, but the car he liked the best was Rich Ulvid's. He stated that the colour, stance, power plant and of course the wide whites, all led to it being picked as Bo's Pick. Bo's son Junior was along to show his skills as a striper and as part of the award he striped Rich's Ford.

Below are a few of the BCHRA members that won awards. I have to admit because I don't know all of the members by name so a few more may have won awards that I do not know about.

Cam Hutchins

Bo Huff's Best
Rich Ulvid Ford

Conservative Pickup 2010
1st Clay Clemas 51 Ford

Outstanding Street Rod
Henry Tjart 32 Ford

Mild Pickup 2070
1st Gordy Koropchuk 56 Ford

Outstanding Engine Rod
Ken Ransford 30 Ford

Conservative Hard Top (60-69) 1100
1st Gord Stebanuk 62 Dart



The Darwins are out!!!!

Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honouring the least evolved among us.

Here is the glorious winner:

1. When his 38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Provo, Utah would-be robber Jason Ellison did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked. And now, the honorable mentions:
2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.
3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.
4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped... Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.
5. A teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.
6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. (If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?)
7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.
8. As a female shopper exited a South Carolina convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."
9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away. (*A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER)
10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on an Atlanta street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

In the interest of bettering mankind, please share these with friends and family.....unless of course one of these individuals by chance is a distant relative or long lost friend. In that case, be glad they are distant and hope they remain lost.

*** Remember They walk among us, they vote, and they breed!!!!***