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General Meeting

Sept. 7th, 2010

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

Meeting called to order by **President Art Brumpton** at 7:40 pm.

Art welcomed everyone to our September Meeting.

83 Members and 13 guests were in attendance for a total of 96

President Art first offered his thanks to **Sureblast** and **Brenda Ransford** for hosting our summer meetings.

President Art welcomed three new members - **Cliff Green** (yes another Green brother) from Burnaby, who owns a 63 Ford Ranchero; **Ed Wensley** from Surrey who owns a 36 Ford, 70 Buick Conv. and a 52 Dodge Pick up. Both **Cliff and Ed** were present for the meeting.

John Proulx from MacKenzie, B.C. who owns a 66 Ford Fairlane XL. He wasn't present, but we look forward to meeting you in the near future, John.

We also had the three new applicants for September (which will be voted for at the Sept Executive meeting). **Doriano Domirti** from Richmond who owns a 73 Dodge Challenger, a 2009 Ram PU and a 2010 Dodge Challenger; **Len Ruel** from Port Moody who owns a 51 Ford Victoria (2 door hardtop), and lastly **Bill Kidd** from Coquitlam owns a 67 Dodge Dart.

Ken Green after talking with Darlene Driedger about not getting a t-shirt from the Ferndale (Washington) OLD SETTLERS CAR SHOW, which graciously featured her 68 Chevy shortbox. **In CORRECTION: Darlene** had commented, to Ken, on the Ferndale Show t-shirt (that she had received one for herself and husband Brian), but **ALSO** had her truck featured on the 2008 Cloverdale Blueberry Festival poster and t-shirt but had **NOT** received a t-shirt from that show and shine and would like to track down, how to get one.

Ken was going to present the Ferndale t-shirt to her at the meeting. However **Darlene** wasn't present. We know **Darlene** will be grateful for a 2008 Blueberry t-shirt instead. Again **Ken**, thanks for going the extra mile.

New Rides - Nothing reported.

Minutes were presented as published for the month of August. There were no errors or omissions.

No new business arising from the minutes.

Motion to accept by **Bob Whitwick** and seconded by **Randy McKinnon**. All in favour by the members present.

Committee Reports:

Keith Biddlecombe – Treasurer: gave a report for the month of August. Everything is good.

John Paonessa – Membership: reported that the club membership has 355 paid up members. 3 more new applicants for the month of September. 175 members receive the Headliner by E-mail and 180 by Snail mail. If any of you members receiving by Snail mail could arrange to have it sent my E-mail please get in touch with John.

If you have changed your address or E-mail; please take the time to contact John and register your changes. For those of you; that get the Headliner by e-mail - **PLEASE** clean out your email box, as lots come back to him as refused due to the mail boxes being **FULL** or not a correct email address. Thank you in advance.

Darlene Driedger – Headliner: Wasn't present. If you have any thing to list in the Buy and Sell remember to contact Darlene.

Cam Hutchins – Website: Now that his schedule has slowed down and isn't traveling all over North America, **Tom Whiffin** and **Cam** will be able to start overhauling the website removing old material and making more room for updated information.

COFFEE BREAK & 50/50 DRAW

Bob Ewen donated a lube and oil change that was won by **Gordie Copp**.

The winner of the 50/50 pot was **Gordie Richter** which was \$193.50. **Gordie** made a generous donation back to the coffee fund. **Gordie**, thanks for your generosity.

Terry Rea - Asked the members if they were aware of the Bill 14 act? It seems that 99% of us were not. It has had its 3rd reading in legislature and will be in effect as you read this. There are lots of changes and he urges us to become familiar with it, and how it effects the laws and regulations of driving. Google - Bill 14.

Riccardo Sestito - President of SAV and a **BCHRA** member advised us on what was happening with ICBC and our hobby.

First he wanted to let us know, they are working on the modified A&B plate status and there is some movement towards getting it resolved with the out of province registration. Hopes to have this issue resolved soon, as well. There is a meeting on Sept 22nd with I.C.B.C. and **Riccardo** feels that at least the modified A&B status could be resolved.

Good of the Order:

Nothing reported. Seems like we are a healthy group (knock on wood)!!

Leads for Needs:

Nothing reported

Motion to adjourn was proposed by **Keith Biddlecombe** and seconded by Pete Graw.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Buy & Sell

For Sale: 1978 17ft. Boler, painted white with aqua strips, full bath & shower, holding tanks, 4 burner stove with oven, 2 way fridge, microwave, TV with DVD, CD & radio, hot water tank, fantastic fan, rear bed with custom mattress, or bench that makes into a bed, newer upholstery with coke accents, all interior re-done with tile floor, slide out entry step, all windows open. \$9500. Call Bob or Dar @ 1-250-997-5187 or fax 1-250-997-5130 or email chevyeh@telus.net.

Wanted: Are you going south for the winter? If you need someone reliable to house-sit your home, Bob Work is the one. Due to medical conditions he had to sell their house in Lone Butte. He and his wife Irene are travelling the country in their RV and would like to spend the winter in BC. Bob is a reliable and hard worker and will look after normal maintenance to keep your place in good condition and safe. If anyone has a place they would like looked after or knows of someone that does, please call Bob Work @ 1-(250)-644-2071 or Jim Greenwood @ 604-682-2631.

What's New on the Upper Island ??

“An Island Rodders Worst Nightmare” (except moving back to the mainland).

Imagine this.... leaving Courtenay at 4 AM to go to Park Royal on the first ferry from Departure Bay. Pay the bloody \$49 to use a public highways system, drive 75 feet from toll booth then your hot rod (that you spend 3 days cleaning, waxing & making pretty) just dies in lane #14. As cars pass by, you have your hood up & the trunk open looking as lost as possible. And no way is it going to start. Got fuel to the carb, so not a vapour lock! More cars pass by, some people shout encouragement to you, others laugh like hell. (I'll get those buggers). Try to push car back by yourself so others can take your place in lane #14. Finally a guy runs over to lend a hand to push us out of the way. Says he's a mechanic & maybe can help. Checks & finds no spark, nadda, nothing, deader than a door nail. Figures the module in HEI is gone. He would like to stay & help but the ferry is about to leave. 15 minutes later I'm all alone in parking lot, no one in sight anywhere. Still won't start! Phone good buddy Robbie in Parksville @ 6:30 AM, asking who can I get for help down here. Gave me a name, so I called Bruce. Now he figured it to be the module, but I need to get it to his shop. OK! Now I need a tow truck. Call Robbie back, good thing he's an early riser. Tells me who to call. Tow truck's on its way. Wait for a little while, cursing & using words I heard years before in logging camps, but never used. I reached thru the window, turned the key & Whammo!!! It started the way it should have 1 1/2 hours before. Called tow truck & cancelled truck, no problem next time I'm down that way and need a tow, just call him.

Too late to make the Park Royal show, that I have been looking forward to for a year. But wait - There is a show-n-shine in Ladysmith. But is this going to happen again with other people watching in another town?? Maybe just turn around and drive another hour & a half home. The nice lady in the toll booth gave me my \$\$ back along with a cold bottle of water. I made it home with no more problems. Went to the local Tireland, where Rick Bracchi said he had a new module in back, and installed it. All is fine now. I asked Rick for a bill, “Nope” he said “Go home and have a couple of cold ones, you need them”. How's that for service??? Next time any one breaks down in Courtenay or Comox give him a call @ 250-334-3842.

Sure missed the show and all the BCHRA friends that I have made over the last few years. But we will make it to the September BBQ, even if it means driving a Toyota to get there. Thanks to Gerry Simons, Denny Bromley and of course Tom Whiffin. Thanks Guys!!!

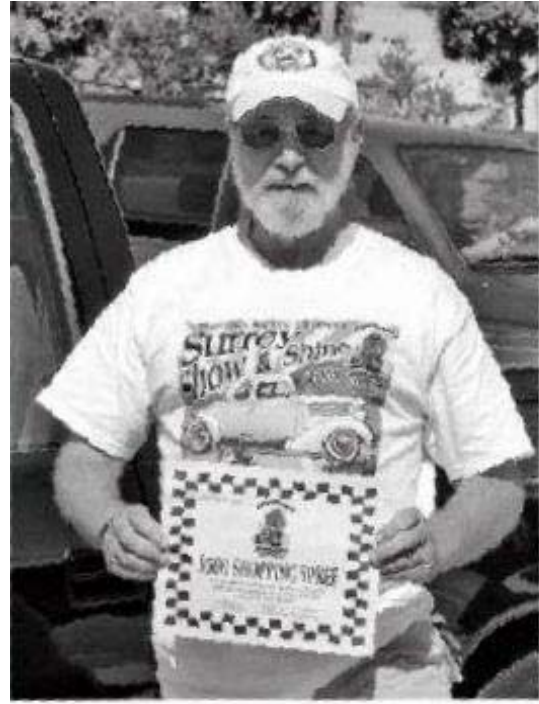
Frank Leigh, Royston BC

Just thought you might want to get some detail on the \$500 Shopping spree I won at the Cloverdale Blueberry Car Show.

I ended up getting fitted with new glasses at "PUZZLED LOOKS OPTICIANS" in Cloverdale with my prize winnings, and a little left over to be used up at IGA. In all it was a smooth and cordial process all paid for by the Cloverdale BIA.

Photos were taken for a couple local papers in Surrey and I made sure to display my BCHRA hat that "never leaves my head" so my wife says anyway.

Cheers Mel McVeety



The Blueberry Pancake Breakfast and cars of every color were just a few highlights of the 7th Annual Blueberry Festival and Car Show. Congratulations to Mel McVeety of Walnut Grove for being the BIG \$500 Shopping Spree winner. Surrey paper

July 9-11

Camjammers Show & Shine at the Lumby Lions Club campgrounds. Great venue with well planned out events & food. All activities except the poker walk were at the campground. Approximately 70 cars were at the campground area and 150 cars for the car show on Saturday. Awards on Sunday with farewells and all were on their way by noon. It was very warm for the weekend 32-34. This is a great event that is planned around the campground and not the car show as the show is only 3 hrs. long.

July 17

MacKenzie Car Show- Great weather with approximately 65 registered vehicles. There were dash plaques for all and 11 trophies. There was a 50/50 draw with \$400 to the winner and same to charity. There was a ladies poker & quilt walk with prizes. Fantastic turnout by the public.
Bob Whitwick, MacKenzie, BC

RAMBLIN's from The Prez...

September 2010

Suppose the weather is saying that summer is mostly over and we still have some great Events coming up...but it surely has been a great hotrod summer !!! It's really great to have activities slowing down a bit...

The quality of Events this summer has been amazing and our Park Royal Event went off with huge success...the D & D (Denny & Dan) team has already met with mall management to get planning for 2011 and keep the momentum alive & going... A BIG THANKS to all BCHRA members for supporting this Event with the amazing quality of cars on display... FYI, feedback from Mall merchants indicate highest day traffic seen on our BCHRA Hot Rod Saturday...

Annual BCHRA Picnic was held yesterday (12th) and damn good thing we had the Meeting Hall rented...as it did pour rain all day... Spirits were great in the hall, attendance was dampened a bit, music man Richard kept us tapping our toes, and a fine buffet by Bill Folks, lot's of fun @ The Green Game, and the Friedrich table, especially seeing Ellie kick ass on the lifter stack table ... As always, great to see the turn out of significant others enjoying a get-together... Out of town Members had a good turn out & enjoyed the comroderie of the afternoon... BIG KUDO's to Ken Green and his group for a superb Event...

Hopefully the weather will give us a nice fall, allowing us to get in some final hotrodding time...

Enjoy your rides & Drive Safely... The Prez



Drawn by Blair Howatt

Driving in the rain. This may save your life

How to achieve good vision while driving during a heavy downpour.

We are not sure why it is so effective; just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was told by a Police friend who had experienced and confirmed it. It is useful...even driving at night.

Most of the motorists would turn on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED of the wipers during a heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad.....

In the event you face such a situation, just try your **SUN GLASSES** (any model will do), and miraculous! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Make sure you always have a pair of **SUN GLASSES** in your car, as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also might save a friend's life by giving him this idea.

Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling.

You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing semis spraying you, too. Or the "kickup" if you are following a truck or car in the rain. They ought to teach that little tip in driver's training. It really does work.

This **warning** is a good one! I wonder how many people know about this, I didn't.

Another Driving Tip:

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totalled her car. A resident of Kilgore, Texas, she was travelling between Gladewater & Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - **NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON**. She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain.

But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your tires lose contact with the road, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor -**NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE ROAD IS WET OR ICY**, along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the road is dry.

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had a similar accident, totalled his car and sustained severe injuries.

NOTE: Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on. If you send this to 15 people and only one of them doesn't know about this, then it was all worth it.

You might have saved a life.

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, 'What is this Father?' The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, 'Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is.'

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially.

They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order.

Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son....

'Quick, go get your Mother.'

Only a person in TENNESSEE could think of this. From the county where drunk driving is considered a sport, comes this true story. Recently a routine police patrol parked outside a bar in Paris, Tennessee. After last call the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing.

After what seemed an eternity in which he tried his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car and fall into it. He sat there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off -- it was a fine, dry summer night --, flicked the blinkers on and off a couple of times, honked the horn and then switched on the lights.

He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the other patrons' vehicles left. At last, when his was the only car left in the parking lot, he pulled out and drove slowly down the road. The police officer, having waited patiently all this time, now started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and administered a breathalyzer test. To his amazement, the breathalyzer indicated no evidence that the man had consumed any alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, 'I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken.'

'I doubt it,' said the truly proud Hillbilly. 'Tonight, I'm the designated decoy.'

URGENT REGULATORY ALERT

EPA Threatens to Raise Ethanol Content in Gasoline

Under pressure from ethanol producers to raise the ethanol content in gasoline, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could issue a decision later this month allowing the use of E15 in late-model cars. It could permit the use in other cars at a later date. The SEMA Action Network (SAN) opposes the shift from E10 to E15 due to concerns that the additional content will harm automobiles of all ages, including special interest collector and historic vehicles. To date, there is a lack of conclusive information regarding E15's effect on engines of different model years. In addition to the potential harm of E15 on engine components, the EPA has no procedure in place to ensure misfueling does not occur or any plan for ensuring regular gasoline continues to be available for older vehicles. The SAN's concerns are shared by a number of other industry organizations.

We Urge You to Ask President Obama (Contact Information Below) to Stop the EPA from Raising the Ethanol Content in Gasoline

Dear Mr. President:

I strongly urge you to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from raising the amount of ethanol in gasoline from today's 10 percent (E10) to 15 percent (E15) – a 50 percent increase.

- The EPA is under pressure from some corporate ethanol supporters to raise the rates in order to boost sales. However, scientific studies have not yet been completed on concerns that the added content could harm auto parts of all ages.
- When ethanol levels are raised, engines react differently and in a potentially dangerous way. Ethanol causes engines to burn hotter which could lead to premature engine and equipment failure. For newer cars, the “check engine” light may appear unnecessarily or too late to avoid costly repairs.
- Ethanol also increases water formation in the fuel system, especially when the vehicle sits over a period of time. Under these conditions, formic acid is created which corrodes metals, plastics and rubber. This can lead to engine/parts failures and, potentially, safety hazards.
- If the EPA approves E15, it will state that the increased ethanol is only for recent model cars. However, once a new fuel mix enters the gasoline supply system, it will inevitably end up in the wrong engines.
- Gasoline without any ethanol may simply disappear from the marketplace for millions of Americans with older cars or special interest collector and historic vehicles. E10 has already made this a reality in many areas of the country.
- The EPA should wait until all of the scientific research is complete. There is no need for a rush to judgment.

DON'T DELAY! Please contact President Obama at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>
Please e-mail a copy of your letter to Steve McDonald at stevem@sema.org. Thank you.