



NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

The March meeting brought together another large turnout, nearly every chair was occupied. It is exciting for me to see and hear the members sharing ideas and participating.

Somehow I always manage to get myself further involved in whatever I do. I received a call from Jim Guthrie asking if the Rakers would be a source for supplying some Older Car Parts to be displayed as Props and Backdrop for Port Townsend High Schools presentation of GREASE. I invited Jim to address the members and share his thoughts and see if we could come up with some ideas on how the Club could help.

As Jim was describing what he envisioned utilizing the limited stage size. I realized that in my garage I just might have what they were looking for. I have a 57 Corvette that I am working on and at the Corvette

swap meet two weeks ago I purchased, all new original fiberglass panels to replace the one piece front end that came with the car, when I purchased it. It measures about 6 feet wide by 6 feet long and made of fiberglass so it is light, it seemed to me, it might be perfect for the Performance.

When Jim was finished with his presentation I made the offer to let them use it. I am now planning on having flames painted on it as the cars in the movie did.

The Play begins May 6th at the High School. Please come watch it, check out the Car Parts that our members supplied and support the youth of our community.

Mike Keller gave a report for the activities committee with a long list of suggestions they are working on. In my opinion every suggestion that he offered sounded like it would make for a fun group activity. So get geared up for some fun and enjoyment in the months to come.

Karl gave a report from the Finance Committee and noted that one thing affecting the budget is loss of income since we have about 20 members less than we did at this time last year.

On the positive side we voted in 3 new members at the meeting.

Allen Payne has volunteered to do the Club's web site. Allen set it up originally and did a fantastic job. In the past we had a 'link' on Hemmings and no space available to expand. Having our own site we are now unlimited.

I have become more enthused after each meeting. I think it is because so many people are excited about the Club. Who wouldn't be with all of the fun upcoming events in the works and the great group of people we have as members.

Bill

Volunteers Wanted
2nd Annual Rakers Car Show
June 25th

Needed:

- **Registration**
- **Ticket Takers**
- **Parking Attendants**
- **Traffic Outside Gate**

Contact Don Riggle: 379-0683

Rakers Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2005

Respectfully submitted by Helen Wagar

President Bill called meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Read, corrected Ken's announcement regarding July 15th PNW Nationals – Good Guys in Seattle, not Puyallup, approved.

Treasurer's Report Read, approved.

New Members:

Mike Early, has a 1946 custom CJ2A Jeep, 1985 Buick V6, and a Chevy short bed that's broken down!

Gary Baird, has a 1968 S327 Camaro.

Motion to Accept, Approved and Welcomed!

Jim Guthrie, carpentry teacher at Port Townsend High School is building sets for a play May 6th by Port Townsend High School with a 1959 setting. He's looking for a car or replica or parts. Please get in touch with Mike Ryan. Bill Eldridge has all kinds of Corvette parts, as mentioned in the President's Corner!

Committees:

Car Show – Don has dash plaques ordered. Cruizin Magazine first showing, flyers to Oregon this weekend, but not available yet. Will get one to Gayle for the Newsletter. Jim & Sandy Patterson to help with the show.

Activities:

Mike – List of ideas for all to have fun: Tour Central Welding, Cruise Fort Worden, Anacortes, P.A. Manufacturing Facility, Tour Ship where Mike works, Hurricane Ridge, Hood Canal 1940 Station, Belfair and Movie, Mt. Rainier Lodge, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Hood Lodge weekend, Lynnwood Hot Rod Cars, Snohomish, Ocean Shores, San Juan Island, Victoria/Nanaimo with "canucks," LaConnor shops, car wash/bake sale at Castle Hill parking lot. Ballots next meeting?

Joe "My Girl" – info same as before, \$600 for 4-5 hours, 50 people, \$15.00 per additional person. Bob friend caters at Kitsap County, does not allow cooking there.

Bruce Lidquist – May 14 Sequim 2nd Annual Car Show. Cruizin Magazine, page 53. His "Rat Attack" car will be there. Jim and Kathy Peterson from Olympia will be taking pictures. "Wolfman" and "Elvis" will be there!! Register: 7:30-10:30 a.m., \$10 fee. Limit 140 cars. Magnetic dash plaques. Cruise Parade route from new Les Schwab to furniture store. Visit www.irrigationfestival.com.

Finance:

Karl Jacobsen reported a drop in membership, which means a drop in income. Projections for 2005, we are in good shape. He suggests keeping a substantial "nest egg"!

Old or Unfinished Business:

Bill Eldridge regarding Walt Rose as Honorary Member...He found nothing in the bylaws, no guidelines. He visited Walt who showed his pictures, very interest man, an icon. Walt can't come to the meetings because his wife is ill and he needs to care for her. If the club wants to make him an honorary member, good idea, one time thing, special! Victor wonders if it will set a precedent? Don suggests an age limit. Karl says that guidelines are needed. John motioned to make Walt an Honorary Member, seconded, approved, with one opposition.

Rusty worked on Rhody Parade 5 years, would like someone else to volunteer. Don Riggle will. Do we still want to participate 2nd weekend in May, 14th, this year?

Announcements:

Jim Franklin "Nomads 3" plan "Something to Do-"4" June 5th. (These are very fun & special) Meet around noon, local area, flyer forthcoming.

Introduced Allen Payne who received applause of thanks for his work setting up the website for our club, and other good works. He has been absent for a while, he's now back...welcome!

Joe asked if we are "locked in" on particular date for Raker's Car Show Don said no, but this year we are. Bruce mentioned several "sequimites" hope to attend, needs applications for friends.

*Seattle Roadster Show this weekend (March 5-6)
Portland Swap Meet, April 1 thru 3
Jefferson County Expo, April 23 & 24
Shelton Museum to Help Historical Society, June 26
Hot Rodarama, Tacoma – August 5 & 6*

Rick Myers introduced new member: Doug Such from Quilcene. He has a 1967 El Camino big block, builds motors, cars, choppers. Welcome, Rick!

Bill announced Amber is in the "family anticipating way," may have to make adjustments regarding waitressing later.

Joe has DVD show regarding Clouse Bar-B-Q picnics & Poker Runs, nice!

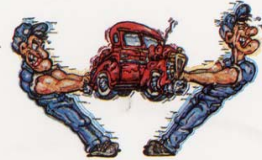
Raffle brought in \$117.00

Prizes for April: Mike Keller, John Tyner, Vic Olson, Paul Wagar & Jim Franklin

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

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Thanks, Walt.....by Coy Thomas

When two Raker members, Vic Olson and Jan Merritt, mentioned to me some years ago about a very active and famous hot rodder living in our area, I knew that I had to search out Walt Rose on Marrowstone Island.

Walt Rose was a super host during our first visit and with great enthusiasm explained his award winning Cord-powered '27 "T" roadster. Walt carried a sketch of a "T" hot rod in his wallet during WWII that a buddy had sent to him and he promised to build a hot rod if he safely arrived home from the war.

Walt could have picked on a Ford flathead like other racers, but he is the type of individual who loves a challenge. He was able to use a Dodge frame, Chevy front axle, Cord engine, Nash trans, plus numerous other vintage items available at salvage yards and proceeded to build a show car that was featured in the 1st LA Hot Rod Exhibition in 1948 and the feature car of the 1949 Hot Rod Magazine #4.

Walt was an original member of Wally Parks' car club, The Roadrunners. He still has his plaque (#11), S.C.T.A. timing tag, original L.A. Hot Rod brochure, plus program information from 1948. Walt has been recognized by other periodicals with his ideas and also has the "Golden Hammer" award-given credit for his wind produced electricity generator. He also has been featured in the A-C-D (Auburn Cord Duesenberg) periodicals.

Walt's buddy from the "good 'ol days," Seymour Meadows, is still working on a '34 Ford 3-window coupe with a big block in California. They were able to reminisce about the past during Walt's visit to the Hot Rod Reunion in Bakersfield in 1996.

I have really enjoyed my friendship with Walt and his wife, Vi. They are remarkable people, as Vi has been a fly fisherman, hunter and painter over the years, with some of her artwork displayed throughout their home.

In summing up Walt Rose as our first honorary Raker member, I believe John Tyner said it best, "This man is an icon." Thanks Walt for paving the way yesterday for us today.

Rust is Gold, Coy Thomas

APRIL 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  April Fool's Day	2 Seattle Roadster Show
3 Daylight Savings Begins!	4	5 Raker's Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Mustang & Cougar Car Show PA Courthouse
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 Jeffco Expo
24 Jeffco Expo *	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events:

March 19, 9 am to 4 pm: 3rd Annual Jefferson County Community Garage Sale and Auto Swap Meet

April 16: Mustang and Cougar Car Show at the Port Angeles Courthouse

April 23/24 Annual Jeffco Expo: Saturday, April 23, Car Show 9 am to 4 pm

*April 24: Car & Motorcycle Cruz-In Sunday, April 24th, come and leave when you want. Entry forms for registration at Jeffco Fair (385-1013).

June 25th: Rakers Car Show, Memorial Field

August 12 through 14th: Jefferson County Fair

November 5/6: Jefferson County Holiday Fair

Drive Safely!