



NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

In only two months I've run out of interesting things to write for the newsletter. So this is a good time to bring up a topic that is important to the future of the Rakers Car Club.

Our membership is old. I'm old (I'm writing this on my 61st birthday, 03/11). With some exceptions, we are mostly children of the fifties and sixties. Our interests are pretty much stuck in those ancient decades as well. We drool over tri-power, big-and-littles and hard, throaty exhaust that doesn't sound like a sewing machine.

Very few young people today are interested in true hot rods, customs and muscle cars. Their interests lean toward the lowered Honda, the turbocharged Volkswagen and the winged Mitsubishi. They prefer an updated computer chip to boring, stroking and balancing a nostalgic V-8. Their idea of a great sound system is one that makes the car next to you at the ferry dock move with the beat while I'm still buying 8-track tapes at garage sales.

I have never liked the way we use the word "tolerance" in modern society. Tolerating means putting up with, or a grudging acceptance of, something that is second-class or second-rate. Is that the way we look at the automotive interests of today's youth? Do we tolerate them? Does it have to be us or them?

I think we have two choices. The first is to continue on the same path and hope to attract new, younger members who share our interests. The second choice is to broaden our outlook to include more modern cars and trucks and the vast array of aftermarket stuff available for them. We love our flatheads but can we love our Acura?

I do not accept change very easily. I don't want any more metric tools than the few I've been force to get over the years. But what are we going to do? Can the Rakers prosper and grow without changing with the times and encouraging our youth to join us? It's too big a question for me but it's something to think about.

Mike Hammers, President

Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2008

President Mike Hammers called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Jan Merritt introduced guest and prospective member, Bob Frambach, who has 55 Chevys.

Prospective member and guest Dick Broders was present and he's building a big block Chevy.

Guest and the Rakers Website Designer Sandy Hershelman encouraged members to get new photos and more photos of their cars to her so she can post them on the website. Sandy is also running for Commissioner (currently David Sullivan holds that position).

Two new members, Charlotte Rutter & Andy Kurtz were present and both were voted in as new Rakers' Members. It was Charlotte's 4th Rakers "function" and Andy's 3rd.

Secretary Gayle read the minutes, approved as read.

Treasurer Karl was absent, President Mike read the Treasurer's Report, approved as read.

Committees:

Activities - Mike Keller said the Art Morrison Tour was very impressive and that Karl Jacobsen has quite the "navigation system"!

Mike is planning on attending the March 8th Astoria Swap Meet in Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

March 30th First Spring Cruz – meet at Discovery Bay "trains" @ 10:30 am, cruise to Mayfield Restoration, 255654 Highway 101, Port Angeles. Lunch at Hiway101 Diner. After lunch you are on your own!

April 19th OVAC Pizza Run at Noon, then a trip to see the cars at Shorts [at Mats Mats], talk to Bill Eldridge for details.

June 29th, Mason County Show, more details next month.

Rakers Annual Car Show – June 28th, in the works.

Choo Choo - No report, Jim Franklin had another meeting to attend.

T-Shirts - Jerry Hampton has lots and says the jackets are going up 10 bucks.

Old or Unfinished Business:

Keith Marzan reported on the booth at the Jeffco Expo reserved for Rakers' Members. See full description further into the newsletter.

New Business:

Morris James said he got a call from someone looking for a Model T for hire for a local wedding. If anyone is interested, please contact Morris.

Morris also reported that the Rakers are invited to the July 11-12-13 Hadlock Days, no fees again this year, Parade, Car Show, more information coming.

Jack Harris has fire extinguishers for sale, \$10/each.

John Franklin brought a plastic Rakers License Plate for the raffle, \$20 each if anyone is interested in purchasing more.

Don Riggle mentioned the Rhody Fest and Parade in May, more information coming.

Mickey Bushman said there is a car cruz every TUESDAY at the Wal-Mart West parking lot in Sequim from 5:00 to 7:00 pm or 'til dark. Every one and anything you drive is welcome, bring a chair and lots of BS. Also, May 17th there will be a car show at Westsound Bank parking lot [which is also by the west Wal-Mart parking]. Food will be supplied by the bank, however no time as yet been set.

Announcements:

President Mike reported that food will no longer be served "upstairs" at future Rakers' meetings, the Roadhouse is offering their banquet room (downstairs) for anyone that might like to order meals before the Rakers' meetings. If the meeting starts before you are finished you are welcome to take your food upstairs.

Mike also thanked the members that attended Linda Hall's memorial service.

Rakers received a thank you note from the Port Townsend food bank for the 325 lbs of food donated from our 2007 Christmas Party.

Mike had correspondence February 8th from someone looking for 57 Roadmaster & Buick frames. Mike said he was welcome to come to a meeting...however he lives in Australia!

John Tyner hung the Rakers display case & past president photos, along with our neon sign. Bill Eldridge has more club memorabilia to fill the case.

Mike again encouraged any member to attend the Board of Directors meeting the Thursday before our monthly meeting, 7 pm at Bill Eldridge's shop.

Mike Keller sold his 55 Ford Pick-Up.

Mr. Bill (Smith) is looking for someone to help him hook the horn up on his 55 Olds.

Raffle brought in \$151 and Jack, Joel, Pat Holms, Jim, Ed & Rick Raber offered to bring donations for April's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Gayle Thorne, Secretary

Report on trip to Art Morrisons

Mike Keller did a great job putting together the Trip to Morrison Performance on Friday, February 20th. Those of us who attended were more than pleased that we went. One of my friends thanked me afterwards for talking him into going.

Brock, who gave us the tour, was outstanding. He is extremely knowledgeable and answered every question we asked as he showed us the entire operation. It was interesting to learn that every part they use is a brand new part. The 9 inch Ford rear end housings are as the originals but are new. They have a machine that tests the strength of the components to insure they will not fail. We saw every aspect of the operation from the cutting, bending, welding which is done by workman on site, to the crating for shipment.

I speak for everyone who went in thanking Mike Keller for putting this together for the Club.
Bill Eldridge

Email Bill Eldridge sent to Art Morrison Enterprises

Brock,

Thank You for taking the time to show the Rakers Car Club around last Friday. I had imagined that it would be interesting. I was correct in my assumption but you made it even more enjoyable. Your knowledge gave us the ability to fully understand what is involved and why things are done like they are.

You took the time to answer every question. Everyone in our group enjoyed the tour.

Sincerely, Bill Eldridge

Response:

Hi Bill-

Glad that everybody had a good time! I had a fun as well. Thank you for the positive feedback. Brock

For Sale

New Chrome Bumpers for a '33 or '34 Ford...
contact Jerry Johnson @ 379-2855 if interested.

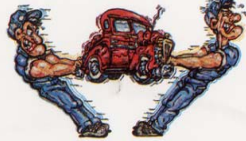
As seen in the Leader 02-20-08

Looking Back – 50 Years Ago this Week (1958)

"A hot rod club for girls was organized here recently and is now meeting regularly twice each month. The club was started by a group of girls interested in cars and safe driving rules." The girls choose the "Stockers" as the club name and elected Carolyn Lee president, Carolyn Hufford vice president and Sally Eldridge secretary. Other members include Leslie Bumgarner, Colette Cotton, Sandie Rossie, Sheila Schwilke, Laurel Lee Carter and Lorna Swanson.

Thank You Newsletter Contributors!

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N2A Motors "789 Chevy", info & photo submitted by Mr. Bill (Bill Smith)

This car was built by N2A motors (no 2 alike). Cost is \$40,000 over the cost of a new Corvette C6 (MSRP \$44K). Unbelievable! The company is planning a production run of about 100 vehicles. It sits on a Corvette C6 chassis, front styled like a 57 Chevy, side like a 58, rear like a 59. Hence the designation '789'.



Bill Smith's 55 Olds @ 2007 Rakers Car Show



"As seen around town"

Jim Arrabito's '41 and '67 Chevy Trucks!



***Rakers Booth @ Jeffco Expo**

Rakers have rented a 20'x50' covered space in the front half of the Picnic Area for club members to use for a Tailgate Sale during two days of **Jeffco Expo April 26 & 27**, as approved at the last meeting.

We must follow requirements of the fair in selling, including but not limited to:

- No Fireworks Sales
- No Gun Sales
- No Pets allowed (except Service dogs on a leash)
- No food sales

Hours of sale are 9-5 both Saturday and Sunday

Members are required to purchase a gate pass. Members need to manage their own stuff. Please don't bring cars/trucks for sale, space is limited.

Try to limit each member's sale items to a pickup truckload (max). Also, there is no nighttime watchman, so take your stuff home or purchase a camping permit from the fair office.

This should be a fun event for us and an event to see how it works for future tailgate sales. Reserve your spot with Keith Marzan @ 385-3723.

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 April Fools Day Raker's Car Club Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3	4 Portland Swap Meet	5 Portland Swap Meet
6 Portland Swap Meet	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Cool April Nights- 16 th – 20 th Redding, CA	17	18	19 OVAC invite to Ferinos Pizza Run (new date) Mt. Vernon Swap Meet Skagit Fairgrounds
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Jeffco Expo & Rakers Booth*
27 Jeffco Expo & Rakers Booth	28	29	30	May 1	2	3 Old Silvana Car Show 360-654-0966

Current March Events

March 1-2: Seattle & Portland Roadster Shows

March 8: Astoria Swap Meet, Clatsop County Fairgrounds

March 15: 6th Annual Jeffco Community Garage Sale, 9 am to 4 pm, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

March 15: March Madness Rally, Vancouver

March 16: Almost Spring Puyallup Swap Meet

March 23: Bremerton Raceway Opens

March 27th: 7 pm, Rakers Board of Director's Meeting. Need info, contact Mike Hammers @ 385-7774

March 30: **Rakers' First Spring Cruz** – meet at Discovery Bay “trains” @ 10:30 am, cruise to Mayfield

Restoration, 255654 Highway 101, Port Angeles. Lunch at Hiway 101 Diner. After lunch you are on your own!

March 30: Leprechaun Dazs, Bellingham (360-380-2733)

April 25th Pacific Raceways (AKA / SIR) opens

Future Events

May 17-18: Mayfield Restoration & Krittenbrink Motorsports 2nd Annual **Hot Rod & Race Car Parts Swap Meet**, Tickets \$5/ea, Show & Shine, Poker Run, Raffle, Loud Pipe Contest, Silent Auction, Engine Blow-Up & Barbeque [‘Rain or Shine’ at the Clallam County Fairgrounds in Port Angeles] Contact: 360-681-0405 or 360-775-1494