

NEWSLETTER



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Gayle Thorne, Newsletter Editor

Notes from the President

If you missed the car show last weekend, you missed a GREAT event. We received many very positive comments from the participants. Kudos to Mike Hinojos; He did a great job. There were a few "hiccups", but he was able to overcome these bumps and move on. And, we all learn from being able to deal with the unexpected. To all the Rakers members who helped out, I extend my heart-felt great big "THANK YOU"! Instituting a few more changes and I believe we can reach 200 cars at the show. Wouldn't that be great? We have set the date for next year. It will be **June 18, 2011**, the third Saturday of June, so put it on your calendar now.

The last regular membership meeting held July 6th was a very interesting meeting. The program speaker, Brian Canfield discussed car clubs and suggested some ways to improve and enhance Car Clubs here in western Washington.

Further discussions from the floor developed into some very emotional items. A motion was made to establish an Emergency Assistance Fund in the amount of \$2,500.00. It would be available to Club members who have had a personal tragedy, such as a fire, etc. This fund would be administered by the Board of Directors. The Board is authorized to give amounts up to \$300.00. Amounts exceeding the \$300.00 would come before the General Membership for approval of amount given. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

At the next Board meeting, we will formalize this action and bring it back to the General Membership for final approval. I hope to see a good turnout for this next board meeting on July 31st. The Board will be discussing other items which were brought up at that last meeting. The Board will be able to sift through some of it and present some thoughts at this General Membership Meeting on August 3rd.

I'm looking forward to a good turn-out at the annual summer BBQ and Pot Luck at Fort Worden on July 18th. Keith Marzan and his "crew" are putting a lot of energy towards making this event a good one. If you have any questions about the event, or want to help, give Keith a call at 360-385-3723 or e-mail him at bluesea50@yahoo.com.

Looking through the literature, I see there are lots of car-related events happening in our area during the month of July. So....lets dust off those hot rods and get them out of the garage and take advantage of the great weather and awesome events.

Don't forget to attend our next meeting.

Thanks for your support – President Marvin

**All Members, please note this month's
Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Saturday, July
31st at 8:30 am
in the "Rakers' Photo Room" of the Roadhouse.
Everyone is invited to attend.**

RAKERS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Are held at 7:00 pm the First Tuesday of the month at the
Highway 20 Roadhouse Lounge area

Next Club Meeting: August 3rd, 2010

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July 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes

President, Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved as circulated.

Treasurer's report & financial report by Don Thorne read & approved.

Guest introduction: Jim Franklin introduced Phil & Beverly Rich (this will be their second event attended), they received best in show at our car show with their car which is a Franklin. Marvin Miller's grand-daughter was also present, Kim Artiaga who volunteered to help with registration at the car show.

Mike Hinojos read a letter from Martin Vetere, president of the Port Townsend Lighthouse Lions thanking us for allowing them to man the food concession booth at the car show. Their proceeds will help to provide glasses and hearing aids for the elderly and less fortunate in our community.

In order to save money the car show posters were printed on a lighter weight paper. Next years posters will go back to the regular poster type paper. Mike will have this year's poster reprinted on regular poster board for Rakers members. They will sell for \$2.00 each and should be available at our next meeting.

A big thank you also to Jerry Johnson who sold 15 of the 31 trophies sold. Hope more members will sell them next year.

It was decided that we would not sell event t-shirts at this years event. Apparently that was a mistake because there were many requests for t-shirts. We will reconsider for 2011.

Also quite a number of people expressed disappointment that we did not have a raffle at the car show-- another consideration for 2011.

A big thank you to Bob Sanders for his help throughout the day from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If we needed anything, all we had to do was ask and Bob would get it done. The Club voted to send a thank you card, a Rakers hat and t-shirt and a check for \$50.00. Bob has been out of work for almost two years and his wife recently suffered two strokes. The Board also voted to give Kim Artiaga a Rakers hat and t-shirt and a thank you for her volunteer help at the registration from 7:00 AM to noon.

Jim Franklin's car show critique was handed out to over 100 participants with 30 being returned. Some of the comments that came back were: good friendly people and staff, nice well maintained grass that was not soaking wet and good music, thanks to Gayle Hurd for rounding up some CDS's to play. Complaints were: No t-shirts, no raffle, no posters for sale and lack of good publicity.

Activities and upcoming events - Keith Marzan. Registration money was returned to Rakers for Kiwanis Car Show because we could not get enough members to do it...July 10th Hadlock day's. July 18th South County Cruisers invited to Fort Worden. July 30th PA Speedway. July 31st Port Ludlow Days-Best in show winner (Butch & Gayle Hurd last year) will receive 2 nights stay at the Inn. This is incentive to the Rakers for a best in show prize next year from a local PT Hotel. July 25, Hansville, Oregon show. August 8th Clearwater, (mentioned by Don Rogers).

Also Rogers' boy's birthday potluck at the shop, August 1st! Jim Franklin mentioned that some cars from the July 17th, 18, 19 Victoria, BC event will be at Point Hudson Marina. The 5th Annual Darlene Marihugh Memorial Scholarship fundraiser cruise-in in Port Angeles (Butch & Gayle Hurd's 29 on their poster). August 14th Car show in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island.

Old Business:

Hastings Avenue clean-up, Gayle Hurd volunteered to chair this project. We also need a chairperson for the ongoing volunteer work at Memorial Field. Marvin Miller will call Bob Robbins and thank him for his work at the field as well as his coordination of Rakers volunteers.

Announcements/Items from the Floor: Vic Olson would like to see \$2,500 dollars set aside in a separate fund to be used for a variety of member emergencies such as the recent fire that hit Rick and Laurie Crawford. A card from the Rakers Car Club will be brought to the next Board meeting so that the board members can sign it and it will be sent to the Crawfords with a check approved by the Board.

Several "old" issues were brought to the floor. Three items which will be discussed at the next General Meeting. 1) The Club's By-Laws...where are they? Members want to see a possible change in them, as our future has changed and the old by-laws may be obsolete for these times. 2) Discussion regarding setting up a scholarship fund. 3) Change to the raffle process.

Due to the length of discussion anticipated for the above items, there will be no guest speaker.

Rick Crawford made a picture poster board of Jake Johnson and his father at the clam cruise as a gift to Jake and a thank you for fun time had by all! Mike Hammers wants to have as many members there to vote on these issues of identifying parts of the by-laws that need to change. Jan Merritt also reminded us to support A-1 Auto Parts in Sequim for a 10% discount if you mention you are a Raker.

Guest speaker was Brian Canfield, who gave us many ideas on how to make our car shows better and help clubs survive by getting younger members involved! Majority of member's are 60 plus. Getting traditional clubs and new younger clubs together! Shoreline Community College is one of the best Automotive Technical Schools in the country for Mechanics. He also suggested that we might want to look into setting up a 501-C3 designation for our Club.

Raffle winners were Brian Canfield (guest speaker) Dave Harrah (twice) Ron Rogers, Mike Grodal, Jerry Johnson, Keith Marzan, and Don Rogers.

Meeting ended at 8:50PM

Gayle Hurd, Club Secretary

August 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Mt. Vernon Denny's Open Class Car Show | 2 | 3 Rakers Club Meeting 7:00 pm | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Port Orchard Waterfront Park Cruz | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Oak Harbor Car Show |
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Current and Upcoming Events:

July 18th – NOON, Rakers Car Club BBQ & Potluck, open invite for South Country Cruisers to join us, at Fort Worden Cook Shack/Kitchen, space for 20 cars, can double park. Contact Keith Marzan: 360-385-3723 email: bluesea50@yahoo.com

August 1, Denny's Open Class Car Show, 300 E. College Way, Mt. Vernon (Sunday 8 am to 4:00 pm) \$15/vehicle 360-299-9303

August 8, Saints hosting 23rd Annual Port Orchard Waterfront Park CRUZ 2010
Trophies award in over 50 categories, Dash Plaques to all, Great Door Prizes, food, vendors & music.
Registration 7 am to Noon, \$10, Off Highway 16, following signs. 360-876-3505