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## President's Message

It was a difficult thing to have to do. As many of you know, I skipped the November meeting and went to Las Vegas to attend the SEMA Show. I had never really thought about attending since you have to be in the automotive field to be able to attend. I was invited last summer to go as a guest and I jumped at the chance to see what it was like.

Tuesday morning we caught the Monorail from our hotel to the Convention Center and went to the Registration Desk to pick up our Badges. We then went to the Exhibit Hall and waited a few minutes for the opening at 9:00 a.m. When we entered the Main Building all we could see were Vendors, we quickly decided to start at one end and work our way to the next building. When we began, my first stop was at a large Air Stream Motor Home that had an observation deck on the roof. I climbed up a stairway inside to the top and was amazed at the view. A fellow was setting up a camera and I noticed he was wearing a Tee Shirt with OVERHAULIN printed on it. He told me that in a few minutes they were going to unveil a car that had just been completed. We decided to stick around and see if we could get on TV, maybe in the background as the presentation was being filmed. It turned out that we had to wait a lot longer than we were told. As we waited Jack Roush (Nascar Ford Racing) did a Press Report about his company, Roush Racing, it was interesting.

People in black Tee Shirts from OVERHAULIN began to gather. Finally the filming started and as we watched the tent lift we saw that Chip Foose was actually the one getting "OVERHAULED". Chip's father and the crew had redone Chips 1956 Ford Big Window Pickup and surprised Chip when it was uncovered. Jack Roush was also part of it as his company donated the engine for the project.

After the excitement of the first hour of the show I wasn't sure what to expect or if the rest of the week would be a let down. I was walking along and paused for a moment to look at one of the Hot Rods on display. I heard someone say isn't that ? I looked up and standing there was Big Daddy Don Garlits. He was a Drag Racing Hero when I was a kid with his Hemi powered Dragsters.

We spent the rest of the day looking at all of the displays in the Main Exhibit Hall and I could hardly wait until Wednesday to see the other buildings and displays.

We arrived the next morning just before 9:00 to continue our adventure. We finished looking in the Main Hall and proceeded to the next building. I looked around and was amazed at how many wheel manufacturers there must be, it looked as though there must be hundreds. I saw Bright Wheels, Black Wheels, Wheels with Lights that changed colors and some even blinked. I saw Spinner Wheels, I saw Small Wheels, Wide Wheels, Four Foot Tall Spoke Wheels, way more wheels than I thought existed.

Then there were Tires, manufacturers that I had never heard of tires for things I had never thought of.

We moved on to the 4X4 Off Road and SUV Display. The most common comment I heard was "How do you get into it". Most of them had been lifted so tall that you must have to carry a ladder with you to get in and out. I thought they were Killer.... I want one.

We went outside for a break from the crowd and to enjoy some warm sunshine. While we were walking around we noticed three large white tents, one of them had OVERHAULIN painted across it. We walked over to check it out. We went inside and found that another episode was being filmed. The crew was busy working on a 1967 Dodge Charger. The upholstery people were sewing red leather for the Dash Pad, the Sun Visors, and the rear Jump Seats. Charlie Hutton (formally Boyd Cottingham's painter) was mixing paint and heading to the spray booth set up out back.

Thursday morning found us headed back for more. We went to the OVERHAULIN tent to check on the progress. Several people were wet sanding the Black and Silver Charger while others worked under it installing the rear end. The upholstery people stitched on the Black and Red Bucket seats.

We had a new member in our group today and we wanted to show her the highlights of what we had seen so far. We arrived at the Dupont Paint display to show her a 1955 Chevy, they are one of her favorite cars. A large crowd had gathered and we hadn't a clue what was going on. As I looked around to see what had everyone excited, a line of people were making there way toward me, as they walked by I recognized Jeff Gordon and he passed right next to me.

The Famous Graver Digger Monster Truck was on display outside. We passed by it on our way to the Technology Display, which was on the way to the Electronic Display, which was on our way to the Tool Display, which is really where we wanted to go.

I had a wonderful time and am happy for having had the opportunity to attend.

If you ever have the chance to attend the Show. GO...I think that you will have an enjoyable time.

Bill

Things to Remember:

December 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting...Election of 2006 Officers...Food Bank Donations...December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

**OVERHAULIN...TUESDAY 9:00...TLC...THE LEARNING CHANNEL**

## Rakers' Minutes – November 1, 2005

In absence of President Bill, Vice President Ron Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes read and approved. Treasurer's Report read and approved.

Wayne Carroll introduced new member, Robert Robbins from Port Hadlock, he has a 1978 Chevy Short box, and he does all-around jobs. Motion to accept, approved and welcomed!

Don Riggle reported on the 2006 car show. He's working on the dash plaques. He's not involved in the T-shirt selling, but mentioned that if we are going to sell shirts at the show those involved need to get going on them. He also suggested since we have so many cash plaques from previous years, how about selling them for \$1 ea and donating the money to the food bank. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved.

Mike Keller, Activities Committee, reported on My Girl Drive-In, Rakers' Christmas Party, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 9 pm. He said Bob Thompson will have soda pop for sale. Mike suggested getting ice cream to make Root Beer Floats. Don Riggle will take care of ordering the 3-4 gallons from Don's Pharmacy Soda Fountain because his mother-in-law works there. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved. List of members and families was passed around and many paid in advance for the buffet (\$12.50/each or \$25.00/couple). For those who have not paid, please pay Karl by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Karl to pay \$750 in advance for Rakers use of the drive-in. Instructions (map) need to be provided for email and on-hand at December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Don Thorne reported on the Choo Choo project...he located a chassis that 'fit the bill' from Eddie Neet for 'next to nothing'. He could use a little help in getting the new chassis into the donated shop on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bob Pontius asked that we thank Brian Austin and his aunt for the offer of a chassis for the Choo Choo project. Gayle will send a Rakers' thank you letter.

John Franklin mentioned that Richard Stapf is looking for chenille Rakers patch (like Bill Eldridge's jacket) and was wondering who might have it. Check with Gary Wiles.

The food donated at tonight's meeting is being delivered to the Port Townsend Food Bank by Vic Olson & Don Riggle in time for Thanksgiving. Please remember to bring more food at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ron Rogers reminded everyone that Officer Elections will be held at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Announcements:

Jim Arrabito, professional photographer, showed his work, and he would like to have the Rakers Car Club endorsement, if at all possible. Jim donated a package of note cards, two large posters, and some small samples of his work for free. We should check with Bill Eldridge and Gary Wiles regarding the endorsement.

Helen said she received a nice thank you note from the South County Classic Cruisers for her participation in their First Car Show! She assumed everyone that participated received one.

Helen also announced that her son has sorted through Paul's auto and marine parts, etc. and if anyone is interested please call to stop by after 5 pm on weeknights. Lots of items. She is not having another sale this month due to the weather, holidays, etc., but she will have one in the spring. She also sold Paul's 1967 El Camino.

Mike Keller has a 1963 Thunderbird for sale. He hasn't seen it yet, but heard it was in good condition. He also told of his trip to Lake Havasu with Jim/Sandy Patterson. It was 5 days of fun, hot and sunny weather and there were about 2,000 cars in attendance. He suggests going next year if you've never been.

Ron Rogers' friend has a 1949 Chevy Pickup with parts for sale.

Sharon Clark told a story about her friend's husband's deer hunting trip. Shot a deer, hit the hood of the truck and the radiator hose!

Mike Keller reported that at the Port Gamble Run a fellow with a big long Lincoln bought a "Powerball" and was using it on his wheels, ripped off the valve stem, said it can really cause some damage so be careful how you use it!

Laurie Hampton passed out notices regarding the holiday gift exchange for our Christmas Party on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap up a "white elephant" item and give it to Laurie. Also handed out information on November 5/6 Holiday Fair at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (Sat: 10-4 & Sun: 11-3). Information on 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Ranch Animal Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Port Townsend American Legion from noon to 7:00 pm, it's a fundraiser. Adults: \$5, Kids: \$3 donation.

Raffle brought in \$131. December donors: Mike Hammers, Jack Harrison, Justin Clouse & Jerry Hampton

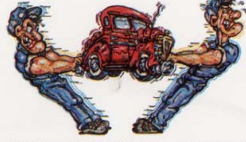
Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Helen Wagar

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**Wayne King submitted these photos for the newsletter**

Just wanted to share with your club the photos of my dragster now that the paint and body have been restored to the original color and design. Taken on October 2nd at the 14th Annual California Hot Rod Reunion in Bakersfield. Looking forward to the Rakers Cruise in Car Show next year. We will rattle the windows in Port Townsend at 12:00 NOON Sharp!!

Thanks for keeping me in the loop!!!  
Here it is at sunrise in Bakersfield. A Dana Winters Photo

Tim Picuch and his OUTSTANDING CREW at Kingston Collision in Kingston Washington did an above and beyond job in getting the body prepared and painted in time for the Reunion.

Wayne King aka The Peregrine





# December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <b>Rakers Meeting</b> Please Bring Non-Perishable Food Donation	7	8	9	10 <b>Rakers Christmas Party</b> "My Girl" 6 to 9 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Upcoming November/December 2006

### November

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Olympic Vintage Swap Meet, Bremerton  
360.638.2404

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Jefferson County Fairgrounds Holiday Fair  
(Sat: 10-4 and Sun: 11-3)

6<sup>th</sup>, All British Run, Lander BC (604.943.4936)

11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Day Mustangs (360.876.4428)

13<sup>th</sup>: Project Santa Claus, Bellingham (360.380.2733)

### December

3<sup>rd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Ranch Animal Holiday Bazaar  
Noon to 7:00 pm American Legion  
Adults: \$5/Children: \$3

2006 Upcoming Events:

March 18: Jefferson County Community Garage Sale & Auto Swap Meet 9 am to 4 pm

April 29/30: Jeffco Expo

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Raker's Car Show

August 11-13: Jefferson County Fair

**Raker Christmas Party – December 10th  
My Girls Drive-In - Kingston, WA**

**6:00 to 9:00 PM**

Buffet Dinner  
BYOB

\$25.00 per couple / \$12.50 singles

For Reservations, Raker Members and Family may prepay at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting or send your payment to:

Rakers Car Club  
PO Box 166  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Please make payment no later than November 15th

**Reprint from Lime Green Handout at Rakers  
November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:**

Attention Rakers

Have guilt about re-gifting?

Bought a cologne that makes you sneeze?

Does every gift from your mother-in-law smell like gardenias and have pink polka dots??

Well you are in luck! Here is your opportunity to unload a white elephant or two currently cluttering up your closet!!

Participate in the Holiday Gift Exchange at the Rakers' Christmas Party on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at My Girls in Kingston.

Each person who wishes to participate is to bring a wrapped white elephant "gift." When you arrive at My Girls, please give your gift to Laurie Hampton.

Gifts may be fun or funny, naughty or nice, next-to-new or collectible, useful or useless, for a man or a woman or a child. Please wrap your gift in such a way that there is no indication of what is inside.

And then sit back and enjoy the fun!!

Hope you will participate. See you there on December 10<sup>th</sup>!!

Jim Patterson submitted the following:

"Mike & Linda Keller and Jim & Sandy Patterson at the *Run to the Sun* car show at Lake Havasu, AZ in October 2005 (eat your hearts out)!"



**Choo Choo Project**

The Choo Choo project is located in the old Skookum Building on Thomas Street above the P.T. Paper Mill. Anyone wishing to help on any aspect of the project is welcome, we are still in the planning and working stage. There should be someone at the building any Wednesday evening after 5:00 pm and Saturdays at 9:00 am. Please feel free to contact me so that I can make sure someone will be at the building. I can be reached at work at 385.9533 during the day, 385.1344 evenings, or on my cell @ 360.301.5872. You can also reach me or Gayle via email: [donthorne@centralwelding.com](mailto:donthorne@centralwelding.com) or [gthorne@cablespeed.com](mailto:gthorne@cablespeed.com)

Thanks,  
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