



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As my final year is about to conclude as President of one of the finest Car Clubs anywhere, the first thought I have is of **you**, *the members*. What a great group of people you are. It has been an honor for me to be the so-called leader of the **Rakers** for the past 3 years. Your support made it easy for me to help direct the future of the Club. If you will remember, in the beginning my goal was to make the club **FUN**. From what I've witnessed and heard over time, I have succeeded. I would not have accomplished anything if it was not for the participation and positive energy that **you**, *the members*, put into the Club.

I was fortunate and blessed to have the best of people to serve as officers. My sincerest thank you to *Helen Wagar* who remained on as Secretary for another year after the passing of our friend *Paul Wagar*. *Karl Jacobsen & Ron Rogers* were there the whole time and their commitment is to be commended. And *Mike Hammers*, I thank you for stepping up to be the Secretary even though it meant giving up one of your favorite pastimes. *Mike Keller* who planned and participated in the Club activities for three straight years. To *Don Riggles* for all of his efforts with the Car Shows and Rhody Parades. *Jerry Hampton* for all of the time and energy he put into the Club apparel sales. *Karl Sebastian* for the design work. *Bob Pontius* for the tremendous job putting together the **50th Anniversary Party** and an advanced thank you for putting together the Christmas Dinner for this year. Thanks to each and every one of you.

My wish is that the Club continues to be **FUN** and successful. I was there in the beginning when the world was a different place. Even though change is inevitable I will be forever a **Raker**.

Bill

Rakers Car Club Meeting Minutes November 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Bill Eldridge.

The minutes of the October 2007 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Karl Jacobsen gave the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEES:

Activities: Mike Keller asked the membership if there were any events the members would like to attend in the next few months when there are fewer things to do. Sharon Clark said there is a new street rod shop near Sequim and the owner, Carl Mayfield, would put on a barbeque if the Rakers Car Club would like to visit the shop.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party will be on December 4, 2007, social time 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. and a brief meeting after dinner. Members are asked to bring donations for the Jefferson County Food Bank & a car-related ornament to put on the tree.

Nominating: Mike Hammers reported on the committee's efforts to get people to agree to run for club officer positions. Nominating forms were distributed to the membership and collected at the end of the meeting.

T-Shirts: Jerry Hampton modeled the new vest with the Rakers logo. Jerry said there is a bronze plaque available for \$70.

OLD BUSINESS: Coy Thomas has donated a display case for the club's awards and memorabilia. The case is at Bill's house and Bill will see about getting permission to put the case in the room we use for the Rakers meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: Since the first Tuesday of the January 2008 is on New Year's Day, the **January Rakers** meeting will be held on January 8th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike Hammers said he recently had exhaust work done at the new shop at the Mobile Logic location just outside the city limits. He said the work was excellent and the price was very reasonable and recommended the shop to other members.

Members agreeing to bring raffle prizes to the **January** meeting are Rick Raber, John Parsons, Mickey Bushman, Mike Cavanaugh, Kyle Downs and Maxine Robbins. There will be no raffle at the December meeting because of the Christmas Party.

President Bill Eldridge thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as President for the last three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mike Hammers, Secretary

Mike's New Toy



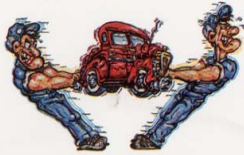
"It's a 1946 Ford with hydraulic dump bed. It's in great shape with good interior, dash, glass and an ok body. It has a 6-cylinder flathead and a rebuilt transmission. And, NO! I don't know why I needed it."



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Looking Back

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK (1957)

* "Ned Balch was re-elected president of the Flywheels Hot Rod Club at Monday night's meeting." Skip Lewis is vice president, John Baxter secretary, Sid Hubbard treasurer and Larry Lammers sergeant at arms. New members are Ron Brock, Larry Lammers and Roy Brooks. "An Amendment to the by-laws was passed, providing that any member whose car does not pass safety inspection and who does not repair the deficiency in the allotted time shall not be allowed to drive it until the repairs are made. Penalty for violation is suspension from the club."

Thank you letter from Donna Earl.....

*"Dear Rakers Car Club Members,
It is hard to find the words to adequately thank you for all the work you put into making the new Choo Choo train.*

Although Kiwanis backed this, I know that it was your dedication to this project that made it succeed. As you know, George had a vision that the train could be revitalized, made safer, and be able to travel to various events. After he went over his plans with Jim Franklin and John Tyner, you all put endless hours into making that vision a reality. I am in awe of your commitment. Through your efforts, you have enabled a long-time tradition to continue to be a part of this community.

I am sure George would have been most pleased and proud of your dedication.

With warm regards, Donna Earl"

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Rakers Christmas Dinner & Election Night	5	6	7	8
9	10 w	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve	Jan 1 2008	2	3	4	5



Rakers Car Club Christmas Dinner

When: Tuesday, December 4, 2007

**Where: Highway 20 Roadhouse
Rakers Club Meeting Room**

Social time: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

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Turkey Dinner

Pumpkin Pie

8:00 pm Election of 2008 Officers

The club is paying for dinner.

Members are asked to bring donations (non-perishable food and/or money) for our local food bank **AND** a car-related ornament for the Christmas Tree!

Hope you all can attend.