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President's Message

This is the second month in a row that Gayle and I have struggled to get out the Newsletter. Power outages, no IPS connections, sometimes at my end...sometimes at her end and sometimes at both. The Club is very fortunate to have Gayle with her willingness to help. I know that she is one busy woman and I cannot give enough praise and Thank You to her, for giving of her time each month to put out the Newsletter.

I have been fortunate to serve with some exceptional Club members. Karl who has been the Treasurer since 2003, Helen for the 2 past years as Secretary, Ron, who like me is in his 3rd year, and Mike Hammers who stepped up and has done an outstanding job so far.

It is my hope that 2007 is the best year ever as we Celebrate 50 years. It is almost unbelievable that it was 50 years ago that the Rakers began. Looking to the future 50 years seems like a long time, but looking back 50 years, seems like just the other day. WOW, 50 years ago driving around in what most called jalopies, and we called Hot Rods, our club events were mostly trips to the Drag Races. Once a year we entered the Rhody Parade. I don't recall any of us ever being in a Car Show and if we had I guess it would have been the Portland Roadster Show, I don't remember any other shows being held locally.

Bob Pontius has the details for the 50th Birthday Party on June 23rd after the Rakers Car Show worked out. He has hired a Rock and Roll group that he says is the one he was hoping to get. It will be held at the Highway 20 Roadhouse from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Each Raker Member attending will have free admission for 2 people, additional tickets can be purchased. He has also reserved the meeting room downstairs for those members who requested a place for children. Bob will give a report at the February 6th meeting.

HAPPY 2007

Bill

Rakers' Minutes – January 2, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Eldridge at 7:02 p.m.

Mike Hammers volunteered to fill the secretary position for the year. The membership voted to appoint him for the year.

Mike & Linda Keller introduced their guests, Rick and Sheryl Raber.

The minutes of the December 2006 meeting were read and approved.

Karl Jacobsen, Treasurer, gave the financial report.

Committee Reports

Activities Committee Chairman, Mike Keller, said the Christmas party at the *My Girl Drive-In* went very well. He said there has been some informal discussion about inviting another car club to the 2007 Christmas party so expenses could be shared.

Jim Franklin, Choo Choo Coordinator, said the work on the Kiwanis Choo Choo will resume on January 7, 2007, at noon. Members who can help with the restoration project are urged to meet at the fairgrounds on Sunday. President Eldridge asked if the Choo Choo might be finished in time for our June 2007 car show. Jim Franklin said it will be finished by then.

President Eldridge also recognized Rakers member Jim Franklin as the recently honored **Kiwanian of the Year**.

Jerry Hampton gave an update on the status of T-shirt and other apparel sales and inventory.

Bob Pontius said the 50th Anniversary party for the Rakers Car Club would most likely be held at the *Roadhouse Restaurant*. There are no plans to charge members and spouses for the anniversary dinner. Later in the meeting, a discussion was centered on the choice of having the party for adults only or for families.

Car Show progress, according to President Eldridge, is going well. The current issue of ***Cruzin'*** ***Magazine*** has our car show ad in it. Bill said some members have already volunteered to help with the show. A discussion was held regarding the fact that we charge the public to come to the show and see the cars while other car clubs do not charge spectators.

Old Business:

Karen Waters asked if the club can or should write a letter to legislators supporting the plans for a NASCAR track in Kitsap County. The membership approved the idea and the secretary will compose and send the letter.

John Franklin said the family that received our Christmas donation was very appreciative. The parents and children had a Christmas that they would not have had were it not for the generous donation from the Rakers Car Club.

Jack Harrison rose to acknowledge the great job done by Mike Keller in organizing the Christmas party.

New Business:

President Eldridge said that since the club now has some money saved that it would be a good idea to purchase liability insurance for the club. A brief discussion showed that most members agreed with the idea. Bill will contact Hubbard Insurance and get information.

President Eldridge also brought up the idea of the club sponsoring a student who was going to study something in the automotive field. Sharon Clark suggested that, if the plan is implemented, a committee should consider essays submitted by scholarship applicants.

Sharon also suggested that the club purchase and deliver a plaque to Helen Wagar in appreciation of her service to the club. The secretary will arrange it. Sharon also urged members to stop and see Helen if they are in the area of her home.

Mike Keller rose to recognize Gayle Thorne for the excellent job she does with the club newsletter.

Don Gregor said he participated in the recent CED Rod Run and Poker Run and had a great time. He said he saw no other Rakers members at the event.

Announcements:

Maxine Robbins said she got a 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 for Christmas.

New Members:

Mike Keller nominated Rick & Sheryl Raber for membership. They were approved for membership by a voice vote. Among their many vehicles, they have a 1967 Dodge Coronet RT purchased locally. They own a trucking and excavating business and say they are always willing to help other members.

These members volunteered to bring door-prize items for the February meeting: Karl Jacobsen, Joel & Sharon Clark, Keith Marzan, Jim Arrabito, Vic Olson and Mike Keller.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Mike Hammers, Secretary

Thank You Newsletter Contributors!

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Letter from Sandy & Jim Patterson:

Karl,

I regret to inform you that Sandy and I have decided to not renew our Rakers membership for 2007. We took a hard look at our travel plans for next year and concluded that we would be unable to participate in any Rakers events. We may cross paths at the "Rod Run to the End of the World", but even that's "iffy". We are affiliated with two clubs in the Yuma area, The Nostalgia Car Club and the Yuma Vintage Cruisers. Neither are as dynamic as the Rakers, but hey, that's all we have. The compensation is that there are several "cruise ins" each month attended by the great body of unaffiliated street rodders as well as a breakfast street rodder group that we go to Breakfast with somewhere every Sunday morning with street rods. We have truly enjoyed our relationship with the club, and will fondly remember the friendship and welcome that the club offers to car lovers of every stripe. Keep up the good work, as I think you have hit on a recipe for success. Jim Patterson

P.S. I wore my "Jerry" whirl-a-gig beanie at the "Vintage Cruisers Annual Car show and Fist Fight". Unfortunately, they didn't get it that it was just for fun, and thought I was "weird". That may be true, but thank goodness you have Jerry in the club to keep things lively....

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 Corvette & Hi Performance Meet Puyallup	12	13	14 	15	16	17
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Upcoming 2007 Events

June 23th: Raker's Car Show & 50th Anniversary Party!