



NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

Happy New Year to one and all!

Well, I made it through my first meeting as your new president. Thank you for not being too tough on me the first time out (except Bill). Thanks also to those of you who gave me encouragement (both of you). I am kidding.

It was my sad duty to inform the Club of the passing of Mike Fernandes, a really good guy, a good member, who is going to be missed.

We had a good turn out for the first meeting under the new officers. We have some major challenges ahead. The economy is less than stellar and the Hood Canal Bridge will be out during our major function of the year. (No, not the Christmas party.) So, we may have to be more innovative in trying to draw car fans to Port Townsend. Try to bring an idea about this problem to the next meeting and volunteer to help.

The idea brought to us by Lloyd Crouse, the lawnmower racer, about a local auto swap meet was good. I hope we can get something done with that as well.

It was a fairly painless ordeal in presiding over the meeting and I anticipate it getting better as the year goes along. With the able support of our illustrious Board I am confident the Club will progress and get even better.

Regards,

MIKE HINOJOS, AKA "Miguel"

[Next Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 31st at 8:00 am in the restaurant at the Roadhouse. Please feel free to join Bob Robbins, David Mann & Don Thorne. Remember any member is welcome to attend.](#)

January 6, 2009 Minutes

New Raker's president **Mike Hinojos** called the January's meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

He asked members to please stand and give their names before speaking and commented on the need for a speaker's podium at the front table.

Secretary **Dave Mann** read the abbreviated minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting & Christmas Party, minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer **Don Thorne** gave his report listing income and expenses and it was approved.

Approximately 30 members were in attendance, two new prospective members and one guest. Former president, **Bill Eldridge**, introduced **Luke Snyder**; he has a '33 Coupe and a '59 Corvette. Bill also introduced **Richard Gifford**; with his father they have a '27 Chev, '36 Chev, '29 Ford and an older Plymouth. "A warm Raker's Welcome to you both." *[Prospective members must attend 3 Rakers events/meetings before being voted in.]*

Committees/Activities:

Raker's June 27, 2009 Car Show; **Karl Jacobsen** said he had a new parking crew volunteer and mentioned that more volunteers are needed for various tasks, getting sponsors, door prizes, etc.

Keith Marzan; on Activities, said there was nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

President Mike said Raker's member **Mike Fernandes** (1964 Plymouth Valiant convertible) passed away last week, he was 57. Our sympathy goes out to his loved ones and the club will send a card to his family.

The club received a thank you note from *Port Townsend Food Bank* noting that they received some 200 lbs. from the Raker's Christmas Party food drive. Another note came from *Gathering Place*, thanking us for supporting their 2009 Calendar program.

Guest **Lloyd Crouse** explained the Lawnmower Race events that he promotes and runs in Hadlock. His suggestion was to have the club host a Swap Meet at either the May 1, 2009 race or the event on the last weekend of August. The board will discuss this item and bring suggestions on the event back to the members.

Ron Rogers announced his recent retirement and **Karl Jacobsen** also mentioned his December 31st retirement. Member Keith Marzan noted "it was hard to tell the difference!!!"

Jake Johnson made a request for some "people pictures" that members might have taken at his father Carl's birthday function last summer. Please contact Jake at 360-385-1575.

Outgoing president **Mike Hammers** asked for information on a "Good" radiator shop, he is in need of one for his Henry J, please contact Mike at 360-385-7774.

Mike Hinojos complimented member **Brian Austin**, for Brian's fine repair work on Mike's 200,000+ mile S-10. At the time of the meeting, no wheels had fallen off.

Old Business:

No action here.

Raffle Winners: First winner Karl Jacobsen went home with a bucket of clams from Jake Johnson. Other winners were Gayle Thorne, Bob Engel, Jim Franklin, Morris James, Joe Clouse, Jim Krotzer and Bob Robbins. Congratulations to the Winners and Thank You to the members that donated Raffle Prizes this month.

President Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David & Nancy Mann

Upcoming 2009 Events

January 24-25, Turlock, CA Swap Meet
Take a look at Modesto Area A's website. This is a swap meet that began in 1965. There are tons of NO RUST cars and parts sold here. It is worth the 800mile drive, it's on Super Bowl Sunday. Carpool!

February 6-7, Sacramento **Autorama**

Puyallup Events:

- ✓ **February 7-8, 35th Annual Corvette & High Performance Meet**, Americraft Show Plex, Pavilion, Centennial
- ✓ **February 14-15, Early Bird Swap Meet & Car Show**, Americraft Show Plex, Pavilion, Expo Hall

February 13-15, Portland Rod & Custom Show

February 27-March 1, Seattle Roadster Show

June 27, 2009 Rakers Car Show

Please volunteer early & let's get the word out now!

September 19 & 20 is the *Jefferson Hospital Auxiliary Victorian Home Tour*. The club board and officers approved Rakers staffing the *Bergstrom Auto Museum* for the two-day event. We will ask for volunteers to wear period clothing and to mingle with visitors. The Hospital Auxiliary will furnish advertising. We will get a few old cars to park out front of the museum for showing (probably historic cars). This is a good Community Service Event for our club.

We are awaiting date for the Annual Clouse/Franklin Picnic & Poker Run.

Don't forget the Rakers Car Club is invited to Saturday noon Burger Feeds at the Port Townsend Elks Lodge. When we have a nice, clear, NO RAIN day, let's cruise to the Elks for burgers.

Note: If anyone is interested in advertising in our monthly newsletter, please provide me with your business card. \$10/month or \$100/year

Reminder: Dues must be paid on or before the February 3, 2009 Meeting. Please COMPLETE the dues form and turn in with your payment. For those that paid without filling out the form, would you please do so at the next meeting. Don Thorne will have printed forms available.

Rakers

Monthly Membership Meetings

Held every First Tuesday of the month

7 pm - Highway 20 Roadhouse

Downstairs Lounge area

Next Meeting: February 3, 2009

Please remember to sign in.

More 2008 in Review

August 19, 2008 Movie Night at the Drive-In
Thanks again Sharon & Joel Clark



