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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed being a RAKER as much as I have this past year. It would take me longer than I have time, to write about all of the events and happenings I was able to be a part of in 2006.

The Christmas Party is only a few days away December 15th and it will be another fun filled evening with lots to see and a time to visit. It would be nice if you would mingle with someone that you don't know very well. We have a great group of people in the club and I am sure that once engaged in conversation you will be happy you took the time to visit with them. Everyone seems to gather in groups with those they know and it makes it difficult for new members to feel a part of the Club, so do your best in making as many as you can feel welcome.

The New Year is almost here and with it comes time for DUES, please remember to send in your \$25.00 or pay it at the January 2nd meeting. Last year we had 2 people who didn't renew, let us beat that this year by having everyone renew. This is the best year ever to be a RAKER, it is the 50th Anniversary of the Club and we have some very special things going on all year long.

We are in need of a Secretary for the Club. Helen has done a wonderful job and I was happy when last year she agreed to serve one more year. We had a suggestion or two at the December 5th meeting, but since they were not present to agree to be nominated I felt it best to wait, however we need someone to step forward.

The Choo Choo project is back on track and they are willing to share in the enjoyment by letting others work with them on this very worthwhile endeavor. My thanks to all that have helped so far. It will be exciting seeing it in the Parades in 2007 and beyond.

I have enjoyed being the President the past two years and am looking forward to all of the Fun and excitement of my last year as President in 2007.

I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year you could ever imagine. Bill

Rakers' Minutes – December 5, 2006

President Bill Eldridge opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

No New Members

Minutes of November 7, 2006 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Activities Committee: Mike Keller announced the menu for the Rakers Christmas Party to be held Friday, December 15th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at **My Girl** in Kingston. Approximately 40 Rakers have signed up. If you have not signed up as of this date, please do so immediately by contacting our Treasurer, Karl Jacobsen (karlj@cablespeed.com or 385-2758/301-3623) and mailing a check to Rakers, P O Box 166, Port Townsend, WA 98368. \$15.00/single, \$25.00/couple.

Choo Choo Project: Jim Franklin reported that work will proceed Saturday in a locked cubicle at the Fairgrounds. He is pleased with the progress. Please get in touch with him if you would like to help out.

T-Shirts: Jerry Hampton has XLG, also zippered sweatshirts with Rakers in gold, hats with gold car 1957-2007. [This is the first time Jerry didn't wear his colorful shorts & t-shirt or come barefoot....our weather must be cold, eh?] Sharon Clark presented him with a cute Hawaiian Santa Doll, similar to his likeness in appreciation for making our meetings fun!

Rakers Car Show: Bill Eldridge said there is an ad in **Cruzin Magazine** for the Saturday, June 23, 2007 event! He hopes to have an area for special recognition of the 1957 cars. There is also something in the works for a band, maybe after the show at the **Highway 20 Roadhouse** restaurant.

Bill Eldridge introduced special guest, Karen Waters, representing "ISC", International Group to Build NASCAR Race Track in Washington State. They are currently looking to build in Kitsap County, near the Bremerton Airport, on a 950 Acre site an 83,000 seat Stadium is with a 1.2 mile tri oval track with a road course in the middle. The stadium would get national

exposure; generate \$4 billion in receipts. There would be 2 races a year and it would be available to the community to rent. It would be good for the local economy. Brad Owen is in support as is District 24 and they are working with Governor Gregoire for her support. Karen answered questions from the members and left cards with the following information:

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Old Business: We still need someone to take over as Secretary for 2007. No Volunteers.

New Business: John Franklin knows of a family with 5 children in desperate need of help. Karl Jacobsen made a motion, seconded & approved to give John a check for \$500 to help the family.

Announcements: Gary Wiles said Mike Fields' father passed away and we should send a card. Helen will do that.

January 1, 2007 Rakers Annual Dues should be sent to Karl Jacobsen c/o Rakers, P O Box 166, Port Townsend, WA 98368. If dues are not received by the February 6th meeting there will be an additional \$10.00 fee. If Karl does not receive dues by the March 6th meeting, member will be dropped. Dues Form attached.

Rakers plaques are still available for \$50.00.

"Overhulin" had a great segment during SEMA in Las Vegas this year, aired Tuesday, December 5th.

Raffle brought in \$107. Donors for January 2nd meeting are: Ron Rogers, Maxine Robbins, Mike Hammers, Don Thorne, Jon Parsons, Jim Franklin & Kyle Downs.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Note from Helen: Thank you all for your support. I hold on to good memories & friendship and fun activities Paul and I were involved in, and wish all the Rakers an exciting 50th in 2007!

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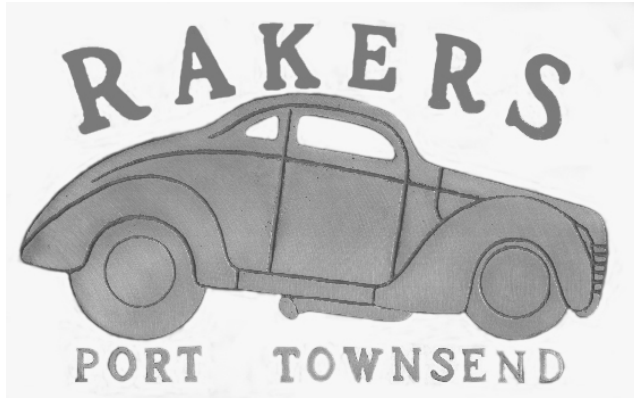
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January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Rakers Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3

Upcoming 2007 Events

June 23th: Raker's Car Show



2007 Dues Form

Name: _____

Spouse/Domestic Partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Vehicles: _____

Valid Driver's License: _____

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Dues: \$25 _____

Rakers' Officer Signature: _____