



NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

We leave 2008 with a very nice dinner and election of a whole new slate of officers for the club. Thank you, Mike Hinojos, Bob Robbins, Don Thorne and Dave Mann for assuming the leadership roles for 2009. Thank you, Keith Marzan, for taking over the activities planning. Thank you, Karl, for serving as treasurer far beyond your original term of office. Thank you, Ron, for helping me all through the year. Thank you, Bill, for your encouragement as I assumed office in January. I started the year stumbling and I ended the year the same way as I tried to send you all over the restaurant to go find your dinner.

And we all appreciate and thank the hardest-working Rakers' member of all—Gayle Thorne. Gayle has served as secretary, newsletter editor, communications hub and she has kept our membership roster up to date and accurate. Gayle has agreed to continue as newsletter editor. Thank you, Gayle, for all that you do.

And finally, I want to thank all of you for your support throughout the year. I am not a natural leader but you made me look like one.

In 2009 we will have an additional challenge with regard to our June car show. The Hood Canal Bridge closer could extend to the end of June and the car show turnout would suffer. Even if the bridge work is done before the end of June, the public perception on the other side of Puget Sound would be "bridge closed" because they will not be following the progress day by day as I'm sure we will be doing; we would need to get word out that you can get here from there. Also, we might want to see if local motels and B&B's would set up a deal for car show participants so car owners and their families could make it an overnight and not have to leave so early on Saturday morning.

Mike Hammers, Exiting President

December 2, 2008 Minutes

Editor's Comments:

There was no formal meeting or minutes taken at the wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by the Highway 20 Roadhouse crew.

Connie & crew did a wonderful job setting up our space with festive decorations and great layout of the tables. The food was good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The evening flew by. I will send a note on behalf of the Rakers' Members thanking Connie.

I would also like to say thank you to the new officers for volunteering to serve and want them to know that we will support them throughout the year.

Thank you Mike, Ron & Karl for another dedicated year of serving as officers and I appreciate your kind words.

Personally, I feel if more members get involved early on for our Rakers Car Show in June...the more successful the event will be. Please contact Karl Jacobsen and offer your help and/or suggestions. We need to get the word out early and often!

Another huge thank you to our website guru and aficionado, **Sandy Hershelman**, for her endless work on the Rakers' website! Please visit the website for current and previous newsletters & members' car photos.

Its time to renew your membership. Please mail or bring your 2009 dues form (enclosed) and money to the **January 6th, 2009 meeting**. All dues are payable **no later than February 3rd** Rakers Meeting. Also remember to list any changes in vehicles (so we can keep the website current), address, phone, or email address [emailing the newsletter saves postage, printing & envelope costs, plus it's in color].

Thank you to all the members that either brought food or money throughout the year to help support our local food banks, they were very appreciative of your generosity.

Volunteers for January's drawing gifts are:
Karl Jacobsen, Bill Leavitt, John Franklin, Jim Arrabito & Jack Johnson

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy & prosperous New Year.

Gayle Thorne, Exiting Secretary

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!

Don't forget the **Rakers Car Club** is invited to Saturday noon Burger Feeds at **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

RAKERS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Are held every First Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Highway 20 Roadhouse Downstairs Lounge area

Next Meeting: January 6, 2009

Please remember to sign in.

2008 in Review - Let's have fun again this year!

Clouse-Franklin 8th Annual BBQ Picnic & Poker Run @ Fort Worden



1st Annual Carl's Clam Cruise 2008 Fort Flagler (to celebrate Carl Johnson's 87th birthday!)

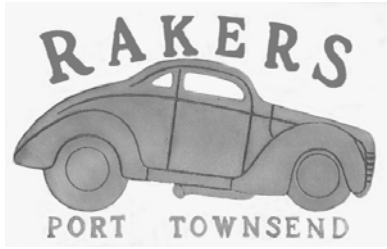


2008 Rakers 5th Annual Car Show



Seaport Landing Gathering in Port Townsend





2009 Dues

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Spouse/Domestic Partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Vehicles: _____

Valid Drivers License: _____

Valid Insurance: _____

Dues: \$25.00 Cash Check # _____ Date: _____

Rakers' Officer Signature: _____

Mail OR bring to next meeting

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