

Rakers Car Club of Port Townsend  
Established 1957 – Celebrating 50 Years

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## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

The June meeting just might have had the largest turn out ever. I know of several car shows in and around here this coming Saturday and more next weekend.

On June 16th it's the annual **Run to the Mountain**; we meet at Poulsbo Wal-Mart at 8:00 a.m. for a day of sightseeing, a train ride on an old steam engine and lots of FUN.

June 23rd the Rakers have a busy day with our **Rakers Car Show** at Memorial Field followed by the **50th Anniversary Party** at the Highway 20 Road House. Plan to arrive at Memorial field at 7:00 a.m. for parking. After the show Bob Pontius has put together what I think is going to be a great Party with food and entertainment.

The Cruise In to **Ferino's Pizza** has started for the summer and continues every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. through September. They have proven to be fun and I look forward to attending most of them as I have in the past.

Karl Sebastian did a wonderful job designing the art work for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The Club has T-Shirts \$15 and Dash Plaques \$5, which will be available at the Car Show.

I am personally looking forward to a summer of Car Events. Let the Sunshine begin.

Bill

## Rakers' Car Club Meeting Minutes June 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Bill Eldridge.

Potential new members, Larry and Barbara Gauer, were introduced. Their membership was approved by voice vote. They are from Brinnon and have a 1940 GMC pickup street rod.

The club still needs volunteers to help with the car show. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Karl Jacobsen gave the Treasurer's Report and it was approved as read.

### Committees:

ACTIVITIES: Mike Keller said the Cruise to the Mountain on June 16<sup>th</sup> has a cost of \$14 or \$15 per person. Participating members are to meet at the Poulsbo Wal-Mart at 8:00 a.m. There is a barbeque after the cruise but it is costly at \$31 per person.

The Port Gamble car show is this weekend (presumably Saturday) with the poker run starting at 8:00 a.m. and running until about 11:00 a.m. The Car show is after the poker run.

Kitsap Bank will be holding an event to benefit The Cancer Society. Call Mike Keller for details.

CHOO CHOO: Jim Franklin said the project was a giant success. The dedication was held at The Commons at Fort Worden. An album of photographs of the project from the disassembly of the original Choo Choo to the dedication of the new one was presented to Donna Earl. The Choo Choo is a memorial to her late husband, George Earl.

T-SHIRTS: Karl Sebastian filled in for Jerry Hampton and said 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts are available now and will be sold to the public at the car show.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY: Bob Pontius said the number of people signing up for the party is still at a total of 80 with room for about 20 more. As you sign up, be sure to tell Bob if you want a burger instead of spaghetti. The party starts at 5:00 p.m. on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rakers will have reserved parking at the bank next to the Roadhouse Café.

CAR SHOW: It was decided that the gates will open at 7:00 a.m. for Rakers members who are volunteering to help with the show (they will get parked first), followed by other Raker members. Then other participants will be registered and parked

beginning at 8:00 a.m. The public gate for those wanting to see the cars will open at 9:00 a.m. Lots of flyers are available for members to place in local businesses and distribute at other car events.

### Old Business:

President Bill Eldridge said an insurance policy for the club was issued by The Hartford Insurance Company through Northwest Insurance Center, Inc., in Woodinville. The policy will provide liability protection for the Rakers Car Club and its activities, including the annual car show. Bill said he originally tried to go through a local insurance agency but could not get a timely cost quote. Member Gary Wiles disagreed with Bill's account of the communication between Bill and the local agent.

Members were again encouraged to provide current photos of their cars to Sandy Hershelman at [hershelman@olympus.net](mailto:hershelman@olympus.net) so she can update the website.

### New Business:

Jim Franklin said the Hadlock Days Car Show will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Morris James has asked for help with parking cars and Ron Rogers, Karl Sebastian and John Franklin said they would help. In appreciation, Morris made a donation to the club.

Fred Edwards said the Quilcene Cruise-Ins will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the last Monday of each month.

Ferino's Wednesday Cruise-Ins begins on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Russ Lopeman has a Pontiac bell housing for sale.

Bob Pontius has a 396 block and crank for sale and is looking for an Oldsmobile transmission.

Mike Hinojos (1936 Fordor Deluxe) talked about a radiator shop that produced a radiator on time and less than the estimated amount. He highly recommends 112<sup>th</sup> Street Radiator Repair (3112 – 112<sup>th</sup> Street East, Tacoma, WA, Telephone: 253-531-4284).

Jim Arrabito said he finally got his truck published in a magazine. See "Show & Tell" below,

The following members will bring raffle prizes to the July meeting: Jim Krotzer, Jan Merritt, Morris James, Mike Hammers and Bob Robbins.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Mike Hammers, Secretary

## Notice

**Date correction for Clouse & Franklin Picnic & Poker Run at H.J. Carroll Park – flyer read "Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>", should be July 7<sup>th</sup> @ Noon**

Hamburgers & Polish dogs will be provided, MEMBERS asked to please bring a main dish or salad or dessert, plus beverage of choice. Dinner will be served after the poker run is completed.

**Don't forget to bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank.**

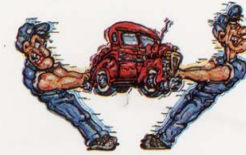
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## Rakers Members Show & Tell:

Jim Arrabito's 1941 Chevy Pickup



www.chevytrucksand.com (320)16 (jm arrabito)

published in July 2007

Custom Classic Trucks Magazine

" Barn Find 41 ", pages 62-65, famous locals mentioned & thanked...

K.C. Davis-Welding Plus, Steve @ Mobile logic, Huggie-Flair with Air, EFS Plating, and the Port Townsend Rakers, Colin @ Townsend Electric, however, the following businesses were unfortunately omitted in the final article, but were included in his write up to the magazine: Steve, Mark, & Roger @ Autoworks, Inc., Lake City Way Radiator & Speedometer Repair. Jim says it really does take a village to build a hot rod & he THANKS them all. Here is a photo that didn't make the cut...



Ed & Christy Green's  
1986 Chevy Corvette



Editor's Note:

How about we feature one member's car a month? Just provide me with a short write up and digital picture, of course, your "work in progress" is welcome, too. Gayle  
gthorne@cablespeed.com

# July 2007

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat   |
|---|---|--|--|-----|-----|---|
| 1   | 2   | 3<br>Raker's<br>Car Club<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 4<br>Independence<br>Day<br><br>Ferino's Pizza<br>6:00 pm<br>Cruise-In | 5   | 6   | 7<br>*Clouse-<br>Franklin<br>Picnic<br>HJ Carroll<br>Park |
| 8   | 9<br>So. County<br>Car Club<br>Quilcene<br>Cruise-In  | 10   | 11<br>Ferino's Pizza<br>6:00 pm<br>Cruise-In                           | 12  | 13  | 14<br><br>Hadlock<br>Days                                 |
| 15<br>Hadlock<br>Days<br>Parade &<br>Car Show | 16  | 17   | 18<br>Ferino's Pizza<br>6:00 pm<br>Cruise-In                           | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24   | 25<br>Ferino's Pizza<br>6:00 pm<br>Cruise-In                           | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30<br>So. County<br>Car Club<br>Quilcene<br>Cruise-In | 31   | Aug 1<br>Ferino's Pizza<br>6:00 pm<br>Cruise-In                        | 2   | 3   | 4   |

## Current & Upcoming 2007 Events

[not included on calendar]

June 16-17 – Rakers annual *Run to the Mountain*, meet at Poulsbo Wal-Mart at 8:00 a.m

August 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Hot August Nights, Reno

18<sup>th</sup> – Kiwanis Classic Car Show, Port Townsend

25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Lemay Car Show & Open House, Marymount (Parkland)

September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Rod Run to the End of the World, Ocean Park

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, Port Ludlow Fanfest

22<sup>nd</sup> – Quilcene Car Show & Burn Out Contest

October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Swap Meet

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – NW Collectors Car Show & Swap Meet, Portland Expo Center

November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – OVAC Swap Meet, Bremerton Fairgrounds