



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Our state legislators are always looking for ways to bring in more tax dollars. Earlier this year Senate Bill 6900 was introduced but died in committee. The bill was sponsored by five legislators who thought it would be a good idea to tax motor vehicles according to the engine displacement. The tax would have applied to each and every vehicle licensed for use on public roads and registered to a citizen of the state of Washington. The only exception to the displacement tax would have been motor homes.

It would have been a graduated tax—the larger the engine in your car or truck, the more tax you pay. If you had a 5.0 liter Mustang, your annual tax would have been \$325. If you had three such Mustangs, you were going to pay about an extra thousand dollars a year just to register them.

As you know the **Rakers** are becoming members of SEMA. Part of what SEMA does is keep an eye on what our state and federal governments are doing that affects the car hobby. We will keep you up to date on issues that affect us especially those in the state of Washington. Go to www.sema.org to learn more.

We have just four members signed up to participate in the Rhody Parade and we would like about four or five more. As of this writing the weather report for Saturday looks very good. Call Mike at 385-7774 if you would like to participate.

We have the Carl's Clam Cruz on May 24th and the Clouse/Franklin barbeque on June 14th. Our car show and party are on June 28th. We are meeting at Ferino's on Wednesday evenings and the Port Gamble cruise-in is every Thursday evening. There is a lot going on. Thank you all for your participation.

Mike Hammers, President

May 6, 2008 Minutes

President Mike Hammers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Robin Bergstrom introduced his sister-in-law, Judy Alford who belongs to the Puddle Jumpers and has a Model A in the basement of Robin's store!

Secretary Gayle Thorne read the minutes of the April 1st meeting; minutes were approved as read.

Karl Jacobsen gave the treasurer's report and members approved the report.

COMMITTEES:

Activities

Sharon Clark spoke with Rick regarding Rakers Movie Night on **Tuesday, August 19th** at 7:45 pm. The feature movie will be American Graffiti (with old time cartoons) and Rick & staff will have the concession stand open (Hot Dog/Drink for \$3.00 & Hamburger/Drink for \$4.00 and, of course, Popcorn!). The cost will be \$900 (Rakers Club will pay) and we can invite other friends/clubs for \$10/car, **prepaid and non-refundable**. Sharon offered to send flyers to local clubs. No alcohol allowed and smoking is only allowed in your vehicle. Rakers will be responsible for making sure the place is clean when we leave.

Sharon also suggested we have a raffle at the Rakers Car Show for a tool set to help offset the cost of the event. The drive-in can hold approx. 130 cars.

Bob Robbins put forth the motion to proceed with the event and it was seconded and approved!

Note: If you were not at the May 6th Rakers meeting to sign up, please call Sharon BEFORE the June 3rd Rakers meeting, if possible, at 360-302-1383!

Jeffco Expo April 26-27 Rakers Booth – Mike Hammers reported that only 4 people shared the booth, but he and Keith were pleased with what they sold.

Activities Committee Chair, Mike Keller, talked about the upcoming May 23/24 Hot Rod & Race Car Parts Swap Meet at the Clallam County Fairgrounds and that the Port Gamble Cruise-Ins have begun (but bring your own food) every Thursday @ 5 pm from now until September. Ferino's Pizza Cruz-ins are every Wednesday evening.

Dennis Broderson reported the **Early V-8 Ford First Sunday**, June 1st event is happening at the Bellevue Community College at 9 am, open to everyone, \$12/car and it goes to charity. A 1936 Ford will be the featured car. His 16 piece swing band will be playing and about 1,000 cars are anticipated.

Mike Hammers turned in the Rakers entry (April 24th) for the **Rhody Parade on May 17th**, and we are **ENTRY #96**. Don't know the assembly point as of this writing. Possibly meet at the PT Visitors Center. Mike didn't know how many would be participating, but put down for 8 cars. Parade starts at 1 pm; Don Riggles said they used to start lining up about 10-10:30 am. Grand Parade starts uptown at the Fire Station and ends near Memorial Field. For more information contact Mike directly: 385-7774 or email: kidd65@cablespeed.com.

Mike Hammers said we did not put in an entry for the Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade this coming weekend.

Rakers Car Show - Karl Jacobson said they are working on the poster, dash plaques and trophies for the June 28th Rakers Car Show. You can contact Jim Franklin, John Franklin or Greg Jacobsen with any questions, comments, concerns. Karl still needs volunteers. Jim & Mary Krotzer offered to sell spectator tickets as did Louise Harrison and Vickie Parsons. Jerry Hampton said Laurie likes to do the Registration table! \$50 for trophies & the business that sponsors a trophy gets to pick the recipient. The Lions Club will be selling coffee & donuts this year.

Bob Pontius said the **After Party Club Member Show** (5 pm June 28th, Elvis appears about 6 pm) will be a repeat of last year, Danny Vernon (Elvis) will be "in the house". The Road House bar & dance floor will be open to Rakers' family members only (there will be an area for any minors) and the menu includes a choice of spaghetti, salad & garlic bread or cheese burgers/fries. The club pays for the event. Bob passed around a **sign up sheet, if you missed the last meeting** please call Bob with your menu order, how many are attending, and/or if you have any questions (360-531-1694). Bob is also looking for some security for member's cars.

Gary Wiles said the Seaport Landing (Senior & Assisted Living complex in PT) is interested in having the Rakers Car Club come through their parking lot one day for their residents to enjoy the cars. They would provide a hot dog picnic for free. He was thinking some time near the end of July and will bring it up again at the next meeting.

Jan Anderson said that Bonzo's Squat Car had a new engine in it; John Franklin explained to Jan that the family wanted to have it on a trailer for this year's parade.

Bill Smith announced that Baxter's Auto Parts would like to invite Rakers to attend an event on June 14th, however, that is the 8th Annual Clouse-Franklin BBQ & Poker Run and that evening is the PT Alumni Banquet.

OLD & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike Hammers said the Board of Directors has decided not to pursue any further the idea of purchasing land for a club meeting site and have tabled the discussions. If there are individuals that might feel it is feasible get in touch with Mike.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brian Austin said that Mayfield Restorations closed its doors and ceased operation. If you are interested in anything they had in the shop contact him at 385-3049.

Jim Franklin said he was so touched by the Morris James story about the family car restoration that he tried to get the Leader to do a write up (no follow up on their part) and then the PDN called to apologize for their lack of follow through on the part of their reporter. Jim

got with Coy Thomas and Angelo (3 Amigos) and had several presentation boards made up for Morris & Sandy and their son. Jim presented the boards to Morris & Sandy at the meeting.

Dennis Broderson said a young family (Jody & BJ) who runs Port Townsend Air Services located at the Jeffco Airport suffered a \$200K loss to their building due to a fire, smoke damaged planes, twisted beams and their parakeet perished. They are waiting for some insurance money to come through, but being a local business Dennis was hoping that individuals might want to help out with a donation.

Jake Johnson again invited all Rakers Car Club Members to gather for a First Annual Carl's Clam Cruz to honor his dad's 87th birthday. **REMEMBER, IT'S A SURPRISE Gather Saturday May 24th** at *Carl's Building Supply* @ 12:30 pm, will depart for Fort Flagler by 1:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share; there will be an open BBQ with clams, ribs & hot dogs in the upper area Rec Center past the ranger station (behind the flag pole). *Contact Jake with any questions (385-1575).*

Joe Clouse brought flyers for the **8th Annual CLOUSE-FRANKLIN Picnic & Poker Run set for Noon on Saturday, June 14th at the Fort Worden Kitchen (covered shelter)**. **\$5.00 charge for Poker Run with all money back 60-30-10% split for winners!** REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED FOOD DONATIONS & receive a bonus card for your poker hand. Food will be presented to JC Food bank in the Rakers name. Please **bring your own refreshments** (alcohol is allowed, however members are to be responsible for themselves, family members & friends).

Mike Hammers gave Karl Jacobsen an application to be completed for the **Rakers Car Club** to be an Associate Member of the **SEMA** organization.

Mike also checked into LeMay Museum Organization and said it was \$1,200/year to join as a club. However, individuals can join for \$50/year. Robin Bergstrom volunteers for special events.

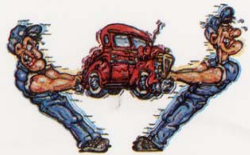
Mike Hammers approached the subject of the Highway 20 Road House's new policy that food/drinks will not be served upstairs at our monthly Rakers club meetings. He was going to talk to Hank and see if we can work something out.

Raffle brought in \$130 and volunteers for the June 3rd meeting are: Mike Keller, Robin Bergstrom, Bob Pontius, Jake Johnson & Pat Holms.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Gayle Thorne, Secretary

Advertising [Thank you, Don Riggle!]



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

For Sale by Owners

Contact Bob Pontius @ 360-531-1694 if you are interested in any of the following projects for sale:

- ▶ 1960 Mercury 2-door Sedan, 383 Auto, Roller \$1,250
- ▶ 1961 Mercury Convertible, No V-8, Auto, 9" rear end, Roller \$900
- ▶ 1965 Comet 2-door Post, Stick, Roller \$600
- ▶ 1974 Capri, 2-door, Roller \$800

Contact Pat Holmes @ 360-876-8049 if you are interested in a 1955 Willys Jeep Wagon, Barn Doors, PTO winch, no engine, \$1,500.

"Not your Average 40' Ford Street Rod"....David Mann can be reached at 360-385-7613-H or Cell: 360-774-6246 or email: fine6inline@cs.com for information on his all steel Deluxe Coupe project car based on the "little pages" of the early 50's pocket sized magazines.

Andy Kurtz is looking for a 1967 engine wire harness for a GM, please contact him at 206-409-5936.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S NOTE:

There has been interest in Members wanting a copy of the club's Member Roster/List. In order to protect one's personal information, please get in touch with me or Mike Hammers (385-7774 or email: kidd65@cablespeed.com) if you would like your address, phone and/or email omitted from a list that would be available to all members. The "Club List" **will not** be available for publication.

ALSO, if you have any changes (new address, phone, email and/or vehicle) PLEASE contact me (Gayle: 360-385-1344 or email: gayle3@q.com) so that I can keep the club information current. Thanks!

One of President Mike Hammers' Members Lists/Roster disappeared at the May meeting, whoever may have accidentally taken it; please return to Mike at the next meeting.

June 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 Rakers Club Meeting 7:00 pm | 4 Ferino's Pizza Cruz-In 5:30 pm | 5 Port Gamble Cruise In 5 pm * weather permitting | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Ferino's Pizza Cruz-In 5:30 pm | 12 Port Gamble Cruise In 5 pm * weather permitting | 13 | 14 NOON <i>Clouse/ Franklin 8th Annual Picnic & Poker Run, Fort Worden Kitchen</i> |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Ferino's Pizza Cruz-In 5:30 pm | 19 Port Gamble Cruise In 5 pm * weather permitting | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Ferino's Pizza Cruz-In 5:30 pm | 26 Port Gamble Cruise In 5 pm * weather permitting | 27 | 28 <i>Rakers Annual Car Show @ Memorial Field</i> |
| 29 | 30 | July 1 Rakers Club Meeting 7:00 pm | 2 Ferino's Pizza Cruz-In 5:30 pm | 3 Port Gamble Cruise In 5 pm * weather permitting | 4 | 5 |

Current [MAY] Events

May 23-24 Rain or Shine at the Clallam County Fairgrounds, Port Angeles, 2nd Annual NOP Hot Rod & Race Car Parts Swap Meet, info: 360-681-0405 or 775-1494.

May 24th **"First Annual Carl's Clam Cruz"** meet @ Carl's Building Supply by 12:30 pm, depart ~1:00 pm for a **surprise** gathering at the Fort Flagler upper area Rec Center (behind flag pole) to celebrate Carl's 87th birthday. Open BBQ with ribs & hot dog and beverages. **Please bring a side dish to share.** If you did not sign up to attend the party at the May 6th Raker's Meeting, please contact Jake Johnson to RSVP (385-1575).

Future Events

July 11, 2008: Bill Eldridge received an invitation for the Club to participate in the **Annual Show at Ruddell's in Port Angeles** on Friday at 5:30 p.m. Contact Bill if you have any questions, 360-437-2120 or email - me@olympus.net