



## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

Thank you to all of you who attended the February meeting. We had a good turnout and I think we had several good discussions.

We're into February and our calendars are filling up with holidays, birthdays, social events and car events. As you plan your activities for 2008 please be sure to include some Rakers' events.

Swap meet season starts this weekend with the Corvette and High Performance meet at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Then it's the Early Bird swap meet a week later and the Almost Spring meet a month after that.

Most of the time I don't quite know what I'm looking for at swap meets. But a few years ago I was waiting in line at the Blue Gate thinking I'd like to someday find a '67 El Camino—maybe gold or yellow. As I got up to the fence where you could see into the grounds I saw a gold '67 El Camino in the car corral. I remember thinking "this is spooky."

When I got inside I almost ran over to the car corral until I got close to the El Camino. Then, just in case the seller was watching me, I slowed down and started to mosey. I find that when I mosey I look like someone who is not interested in buying his car or stuff but I'll look anyway.

The guy wanted \$3500 for the El Camino. It had a decent body and good paint and the interior was actually pretty nice. It had a stock 283 and a powerglide and dual exhaust that sounded really, really nice. I moseyed back several times before we agreed on \$3250 and I bought it.

There are also swap meets where I spend the whole day and all I've bought is several cups of coffee, lunch and few donuts (I mean apples, I'm not suppose to eat donuts). I've only sold stuff at swap meets a couple of times. If you're going to have a selling space, be sure to share it with at least one other person. It makes it a very long day if you have to watch your space by yourself.

In the early '90's when I was building my '56 Chev I was so excited about going to the Monroe spring swap meet that I kept waking up about every hour the night before. Finally, about 3:30 a.m. I decided to head for Monroe, have breakfast and be there when they opened the fairground gates. I found a restaurant open, had breakfast and went to the fairgrounds. It was still pretty early and I was the first one there. I waited and waited and no one else was showing up. I was there a week early.

So have fun at the swap meets, spend some of your stash money and see the folks you haven't seen since the last swap meet. And if you find any tail light lenses, the pointed ones not the flat ones, for a Henry J for \$40 or less, grab them for me and I'll pay you back.

Mike Hammers, President

## February 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes

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

Introduced guest & prospective member, Andy Kurtz who has a 1967 Buick Skylark, 455 400 Turbo. Andy is looking for someone who knows about the mid-sixties GM cars.

Charlotte Rutter was also in attendance. It is Charlotte's second club function so she will be eligible for membership at the March meeting.

Secretary Gayle Thorne read the minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; minutes were approved as read.

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

### Committees:

**Activities:** February 9-10 in Puyallup is the Corvette & Hi-Performance Swap meet. Early Bird Swap Meet is February 16-17 at the Puyallup Fair Grounds. February 29<sup>th</sup>-March 2nd is the Seattle Roadster Show & 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Portland Roadster Show. March 8<sup>th</sup> Mike Keller is planning on attending the Astoria Swap meet at the Clatsop fairgrounds & if anyone is interested please get in touch with him.

Mike Keller also mentioned that he was trying to get together a group to tour Art Morrisson's shop in Fife, he was told they are not open on Saturdays, but could put together something for Friday. Art Morrisson does custom front ends, Tri 5 Chevy Series & 53-62 Series.

Keith Marzan has been talking with someone at the Jeffco Fairgrounds regarding reserving a booth (~20x50) for Raker's members to sell their wares April 26/27 at the Jeffco Expo. Mike Keller mentioned the possibility of charging participating Rakers Members to help recoup some of the cost. After some discussion it was decided this was a good way to use the club's funds...for member benefit. There was a motion to put forth money (\$300) to reserve the space and advertise.

Because the date for the Jeffco Expo is the same as Ferinos OVAC invitation, Bill Eldridge offered to contact them and see if the date could be changed.

President Mike Hammers said the Elks Club holds fundraising hamburger lunches on Saturdays from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm and Rich Stapf said he'd donate \$100 if 100 burgers were sold.

**June 28, 2008 Car Show:** Karl Jacobsen & Bill Eldridge are working on the event. Bill said he'll have sign up sheets soon.

**T-Shirts:** Jerry Hampton said he still has some left from the car show and brought with him the black long sleeve & t-shirts & sweatshirts.

**Choo Choo Project:** Jim Franklin said the project will be ready to go as soon as he hears back from Steve. Jim will contact those that expressed interest at that time.

### Old & Unfinished Business:

Bob Pontius reminded everyone of the Rakers Annual Car Show & "Rakers Party After" at the Road House...June 28<sup>th</sup>!

### New Business/Announcements:

President Mike Hammers mentioned the passing of Linda Hall and that there will be memorial Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Nordland Garden Club on Marrowstone Island at 1:00 pm. He is planning on attending and Charlotte Rutter volunteered to pick out flowers to be sent on behalf of the Rakers Car Club.

Gary Wiles thanked individuals and the club for the nice cards he and his family received regarding the passing of his father. He said he really appreciated it and that his dad had a good life and was ready.

President Mike Hammers invited any Rakers Member to attend the board meetings that are held the Thursday before the monthly Club Meeting. Next Board meeting will be February 28 at Bill Eldridge's shop, 561 Olele Point Road, Port Ludlow. Not mandatory, but it might be nice to know you are attending, email Mike Hammers @ kidd65@cablespeed.com or let one of the officers know.

Rick Raber mentioned discussion regarding what is being done with the money the club has, and has there been discussions of buying property or leasing a space in the future. He does dirt work and volunteered his services. President Mike Hammers said this is one of the discussions at the board meetings and he is checking with other clubs to see what kind of problems could arise with the club owning property/assets and then what happens if the club disbands?

Joe Clouse suggested Beach Barons as they are a very successful club and own property. Others clubs mentioned were Old Timers, Kingsmen, & Handlers.

President Mike Hammers reminded everyone dues must be paid at this meeting, otherwise \$10 late charge. If not paid by March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting member is dropped from Roster.

Dennis Broderson knows of someone who has a Model A, 2-door Sedan, 302 for the taking. He is also looking for a 10" Ford Flywheel for a Flathead.

Ken Franklin said "Ed" has a 1923 T Coupe with trailer, pretty well stocked, has taken 1<sup>st</sup> place. Asking \$14K.

Bob Pontius has a couple of Corvettes, 1954 99.9% complete, with minor frame rust, excellent condition, asking \$56K and a Project 1954 Vet, low \$20K.

Jon Parsons has a 1985 Corvette, fully restored, 350 automatic, coupe, Corvette Red, new transmission, paint/interior, 100,000 miles, \$16K.

John Franklin has a 1986 Corvette, asking \$6K.

President Mike Hammers would like to invite Sandy Hershelman (our website designer/site manager) to attend a meeting in March or April.

Bill Eldridge & Mike Ryan were asking if the Rakers Car Club might possibly look into getting "Rakers" license plates made, like the Peninsula Dream Machines have. President Mike Hammers will check on it. Don Thorne said he knew someone who made the dies for the plates and he has a 30-ton press.

The Raffle brought in \$123. March contributors: Karl Jacobsen, John Franklin, Vic Olson, Gary Wiles, Jan Merritt & Keith Marzan.

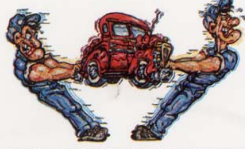
Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Gayle Thorne, Secretary

**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**

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# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Seattle & 52 <sup>nd</sup> Portland Roadster Shows
2 Seattle & 52 <sup>nd</sup> Portland Roadster Shows	3	4 Rakers Club Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8 Astoria Swap, Clatsop County Fairgrounds
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Mustang March Madness Rally, Vancouver
16 Almost Spring Puyallup Swapmeet (Sat & Sun)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Bremerton Raceway Opens	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Leprechaun Dazs, Bellingham	31	April 1	2	3	4	5

## Current Events

- Feb 9-10 Puyallup Corvette & Hi-Perf Swap Meet
- Feb 15-17 Portland Rod & Custom Show
- Feb 16-17 Tacoma Early Bird Swap, Puyallup
- Feb 16-17 Southern Oregon Rod-Custom Show, Medford
- Feb 29-Mar 2 Seattle Roadster Show
- Feb 29-Mar 2 Original 52<sup>nd</sup> Portland Roadster Show

## April Events

- Apr 4-6 8<sup>th</sup> Del Mar Rod & Custom Nationals, Del Mar, CA
- Apr 4-6 Portland Swapmeet
- Apr 19 Mt. Vernon Swap Meet Skagit Co. Fairgrounds
- Apr 26-27 Jeffco Expo & Raker's "Booth"
- Apr 26 OVAC Invite @ Ferinos Pizza