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President's Message

I drove home from the April Rakers Meeting thinking to myself what a great Car Club the Rakers is. I enjoyed being a Raker member back in the beginning when I was a teenager and how much I enjoy being a member decades later.

I arrived home after the meeting and clicked on the TV as I organized the money collected from the raffle and from our newest member to give to the Treasurer who was not at the meeting because he had to work.

I try to watch Overhauled on Tuesday; it is one program I really enjoy. I glanced up from the paperwork and a program called Deadliest Catch had just come on. For those of you who haven't seen or heard of it is about King Crab Fishing in Alaska.

The program begins in Dutch Harbor with the Fisheries Department announcing the start of the Crabbing season, which just happened to be the same time as a fierce storm is approaching the Bering Sea. The fishing vessels are all listening to the weather reports and trying to decide if they should head out or wait until the next day. The program has cameramen stationed on several of the fishing boats to film the entire season for broadcast on the Discovery Channel. One of the first scenes shows one of the Skippers listening to his radio that is broadcasting the weather and as I listen to the weather report in the background I hear the weatherman announce weather conditions at Cape Sarichef. I immediately stop what I am doing. I flash back in my memory to May 1964 as the DC3 I am a passenger on lands at the Air Strip at Cape Sarichef on Unimak Island, 50 miles from Dutch Harbor. I am about to spend the next year on isolated duty in the Aleutians. The Coast Guard has 2 Stations on Unimak Island. Cape Sarichef Loran on one end of Unimak Pass and Scotch Cap Light on the other end of the Pass.

I arrive with another engineer named Elsted, we are taken to the Commanding Officer LTJG John Patterson. He informs us that one of us is to stay at the Loran Station with its 20 man crew and the other is to go to the Lighthouse to replace one of the 5 men stationed there. The CO gets out a coin and says that he will flip the coin and the one that wins the toss will chose where he wants to spend the first six months. At the end of six months the other has his choice. Elsted won the toss and elected to stay at the Loran, which meant that in the morning I was off to the Lighthouse for six months with 4 other guys. In my mind I thought that since I had lost the coin toss I had gotten the worst deal. Later that evening guys were saying that they thought the lighthouse was better duty.

Early the next morning I loaded my sea bag along with a lot of supplies, mail and some movies into a track vehicle called a Thicol and for the remainder of the day we made our way to the Lighthouse. We arrived late in the afternoon as chow was being served. As the Crew read their mail I put my gear away. The 2 guys that brought me were spending the night. One of the crew came and told me they were going to show a movie so I went to join them. Everyone I had met that first day seemed like a good guy so I guessed my six months at the light wouldn't be all that bad. The projector came on and the movie started, I laughed out loud it was John Wayne in North to Alaska.

The next day I was shown around the station while learning what my duties were. I notice a large brass plaque on the wall and found that it was a memorial for the five men who lost their lives when a seismic wave 100 feet high destroyed the Lighthouse on April 1, 1946. A replacement building was built higher up and back further. More then once we were alerted that we may have to evacuate the station at a moments notice, we would immediately prepare our vehicles with supplies to go inland if the word came.

I would watch the ships going through Unimak Pass. Sometimes it was so windy that a wave would completely cover a 600 to 700 foot ship with water. The reports would come on the radio of winds up to 150 miles per hour.

I had the mid-watch one night and the wind was blowing the rain so hard that the beam of the light was not shining very far out to sea, which meant I had to go to the Fog Signal Building and turn on the Fog Horn. To get to the Fog Signal Building I had to walk on a wood plank walkway. On both sides of the walkway hand lines were stretched incase it was slippery; it was a good idea to hold on to them. I was running along the planks, pelted by rain, head down, when a gust of wind hit me and swept me off my feet. I grabbed the line and hung on for dear life as the wind tried to blow me into the sea.

When I made it to the Fog Signal Building I got the Fog Horn started, then I caught my breath and regrouped before making my way back to the station. I didn't tell any of the crew about my frightening experience. I was happy I was still around to keep it a secret. I sure didn't want my name to be added to the Memorial Plaque.

As I watched the Deadliest Catch I could relate to what those men on those fishing vessels were experiencing and I was truly glad I was not with them.

With the first six months behind me it was my turn to choose were I wanted to spend my remaining time and I chose to stay at Scotch Cap Light.

I got back from the Portland Swap Meet and received a report on the Oak Harbor Car Show and learned that a Don Riggle won First Place in the 1960 to 1969 division with his Pontiac and Ron and Bonnie Rogers won with their 1949 Chevrolet.

Bill

Rakers Minutes April 4, 2006

President Bill called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of March 7th meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report, Karl absent.

Committees:

Car Show - Don Riggle confirmed the band, ***Curiously Strong***, 20 colored posters will be distributed to businesses, 250 black/white posters done. New Trophies: Triple AAA Safety and Parsons. Have at least ten businesses participating.

Activities - Mike Keller absent.

Cruz-In Oak Harbor, Saturday, April 8th, 9-3, \$20, meet at PT Ferry 7:30 a.m.

Scott Browning, Ferino's Fifties Party, April 22, 5 p.m.

South County Cruzers Wednesday night, April 5th, 6 pm at Ferino's.

Changes regarding the Sequim Irrigation Festival, May 13th, please check website: www.irrigationfestival.com.

Relay for Life Car Show - Candice Cotterill from First Federal Savings & Loan in Port Townsend has invited the Rakers to attend a car show at the FFS&L parking lot on May 27th. Candice is the chairman and she's open to suggestions as this is her first time organizing this type of event. See details further in the newsletter.

Choo Choo Project - Jim Franklin reported the project is going well, it's a solid build and will be a long lasting train. Jim gave special thanks to Central Welding Supply and the Rakers who devoted their time and effort.

Rakers T-Shirts - Jerry Hampton reported he has 2 black T-shirts left so need to order more. Cost per member \$12/each.

Bill Eldridge said he had Sandy Hershelman update the members list and solicited for updated photos for the website. Email or check with Sandy (hershelman@olympus.net).

New Business:

New Member - Ed Harmon, Contractor with a 1968 Chevy Rallysport Convertible, accepted and welcomed!

Announcements:

Brian Austin sold another car, looking for a 1963 Ford Falcon Wagon.

Jack Harrison met some people at Belfair selling a Trans Am, \$3,000 OBO. He has fire extinguishers for sale, \$10/each.

Bob Pontius has a 1973 Firebird for sale.

Sally Gregor has a 1979 Ford Thunderbird Town Landau for sale, \$2,000.

Don't forget about Helen Wagar's garage sale April 7/8.

Bob Pontius shared a fun and funny story regarding a Saturday adventure with Brian Austin and 5 other guys, three trailers of car parts, destination Forks! Had to be there to appreciate it.

Raffle brought in \$121.

May donors: Ron Rogers, Don Thorne, Morris James, Coy Thomas & Helen Wagar.

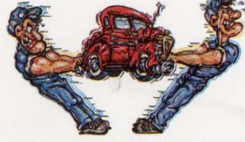
Meeting Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Wagar

Editors Note: Walt Rose's loving wife passed away recently and on behalf of all the Rakers our deepest sympathy goes out to Walt. We hope to see you soon at our monthly meetings.

Thank You Newsletter Contributors!

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- (4) American Mag Wheels 14x8" early "Daisy" wheels, fits Chev 4-3/4 on 5
- \$400/set, includes lug nuts & cups. Nostalgia Time!
- ZZ4 Chev 4 bbl aluminum intake manifold off my crate 350, \$75
- Short Corvette (C-1) Water Pump, \$30
- (4) Shelby American (marked Carrol Shelby) Aluminum Wheels. These look like Mustang GT350 wheels, 4 bolt 15x5-1/2", were on SAAB, \$300/set, including nuts & cups
- Water Pump from new crate ZZ4 (350") Chev, \$30
- Lincoln Welder 225 amp Stick Buzz Box, including hood, leads & ground, \$100
- (works great)
- Crab Pot Pulling Davit, aluminum, for your boat, \$50 (new)

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First Annual First Federal Car Show

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life

When: Saturday, May 27th
Registration starts @ 11:30 a.m.
Vehicle Entry Fee \$10
Entry prizes for all registered vehicles
Show is 12 pm – 3 pm
Where: First Federal Savings & Loan
1321 Sims Way, Port Townsend
BBQ will be held during the show
1st place prize is a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Belmont Restaurant (donated by Rick)

All Cars & Classes Welcome

For more info contact Candice Cotterill
First Federal: 360-344-4917

May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Rakers Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Irrigation Festival Super Cruzz III Sequim
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 PT Rhody Parade
21 Monroe Swap Meet Sat & Sun	22	23	24	25	26	27 First Annual First Federal Car Show
28	29	30	31	June 1	2	3

Please Drive Safely

May 13	Super Cruzz III & Car Show n'Shine during the 111 th Irrigation Festival "The Garden of Dreams"	Sequim
May 20	Rhody Parade	Port Townsend
May 20-21	Monroe Swap Meet	Evergreen Fairgrounds
May 27	First Annual First Federal Car Show for Relay for Life	Port Townsend
June 4	Shelton Forest Festival Car Show	Shelton
June 16-17	Rakers at Rainier Road Trip	Overnight
June 24	Rakers Car Show	Port Townsend

RAKERS CAR CLUB

SUMMER CRUZ-IN

June 24, 2006

MEMORIAL FIELD

Downtown Port Townsend, WA

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE 60's

ALL CARS - ALL CLASSES

GATES OPEN: CARS 8:00 a.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC 9:00 a.m.

VEHICLE ENTRY FEE - \$15.00

SPECTATORS FEES - 13 & OLDER \$3.00

TROPHYS AWARDED @ 3:00 p.m.

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