



## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Corner

My son, Rob, works for Stockton-to-Malone Honda in Utah, which is part of the Larry Miller Group of auto dealerships. Larry Miller also has a racing facility outside Salt Lake City on the way to Bonneville. We got a personal tour of the place that includes a Shelby museum. There were a half dozen AC Cobras, including one of the Daytona Coupes. There were early and later Mustangs and a very nice Thunderbolt. There are some nice photos on the internet—just Google Larry Miller Shelby Museum, then click on “Tribute to...” then **Gallery: [Larry H. Miller Auto Museum](#)**.

We had a great meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We covered a lot of topics and got a good start on planning for 2009. I particularly liked the way we discussed, decided and arranged the Christmas party. There will be a social time from 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, then an abbreviated meeting and election of 2009 officers around 8:00 PM.

I am slowly making progress on the Henry J. After covering up the dipstick hole in the block with a manifold from a different SBC, I had to find a new way to check the oil. I finally replaced the pan drain plug with a variety of fittings and made a new dipstick tube. Now I'm marking the dipstick with new “full” and “quart low” lines.

I heard somewhere priming the oiling system by using a solid shaft to spin the oil pump results in just one side of the engine getting oil. So I bought the special—and expensive—tool that primes both sides of the engine when you spin the oil pump.

I have the engine positioned at TDC following the intake stroke so next I can install the distributor. I got an HEI from Keith Marzan. If HEI is easier to use, then that's for me. I need the fewest number of complications possible because I confuse easily.

The engine is a well-used 350 that, as I recall, smokes a little anyway. So it's not like my inexperience will ruin a new crate motor. I may be asking for some help soon because my goal is to drive it to our car show in June.

Mike Hammers, President

## October 7, 2008 Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike Hammers at 7:00 pm.

Mike introduced Steve Harwood, owner of Dog House Powder Coating & Media Blasting. He's been in the business for 3 years, moved into a bigger building and can powder coat most anything! He has ovens that can accommodate up to 20 feet long! He has over 6500 textures/colors of the polyester based powder. Turnaround is usually 2-3 days. He guarantees his work.

Steve also owns a 64 Rancho and his wife has a 1961 Metro.

You can contact Steve at 503 B South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Sequim. You can contact Steve at 360-681-5412, Fax 683-5065 or email: doghows@peoplepc.com

Jan Merritt presented to Brian Austin a set of powder coated valve covers and matching breather for his endless help to others. The valve covers had been in Brian's garage for years and Jan took them and had Steve Harwood (Doghouse Powder Coating) coat them. Don made the one-off breather at his shop (Coyote Flatz) to go along with them.

Gayle Thorne read the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting, minutes were approved as read.

Karl Jacobsen read the August & September treasurers report, approved as read. Karl is also going to put our Rakers T-shirts on eBay.

### Committee Reports

Mike Hammers thanked Mike & Linda Keller for their past activities work and also thanked Keith Marzan for volunteering to lead the committee now. Keith plans on finding Northwest activities to attend and also event with the Peninsula Dream Machine club. A list of activities is included at the end of the newsletter.

Karl Jacobsen is leading the June 27, 2009 car show. The issue of the bridge closure was brought up too. He needs volunteers now; need to concentrate on planning, advertising & scheduling.

### Old & Unfinished Business:

Election of 2009 Officers!

Connie will purchase frames for the club's car photos and we will reimburse her. She'll find the best price possible. For those that have not yet brought in a picture of your vehicle (Color: 8x10, with description & your name), please do so!

### New Business:

At the Board of Directors meeting they discussed the car show, listing club events in *CruZin' Magazine*, member information to the public, 2008 Christmas Party & long-term planning. Board of Directors meetings are held the Thursday before the scheduled club meeting, only officers have a vote, but ANYONE is welcome to attend.

There will be a sign-in sheet on a table as you enter the meeting at the next meeting. Please remember to sign in.

Karl Sebastian brought a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rakers banner and would like everyone to sign it. He has something in mind for the banner. He'll bring it again next month.

Motion was made to spend \$15/year for being listed in *CruZin' Magazine*. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved. Mike Keller offered to be listed as a telephone contact under his phone #360-638-1256.

There was discussion about Rick (Drive-In Movie) not being pleased about publicity of our club event last August (misinformation regarding him hosting a private event vs. regulations he's to abide by). Be sure to be careful when speaking on behalf of the Rakers Car Club.

It was discussed that the President of the club should be the go-to guy, and then he can make the call who can best answer any questions or give out information.

There was a suggestion made to invite Jennifer Jackson from the PDN and Patrick Sullivan on behalf of the Leader to attend our meeting regarding club publicity.


Majority voted for a Christmas Party at the Roadhouse for our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Bob Robbins said we have the decorations from last year that Maxine, Tina & Charlotte so nicely put up! A sign up sheet for either Ham or Turkey was passed around and will be available at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dennis Broderson returned \$50.00 that was collected from individuals wishing to donate to BJ & Jodie (JC Airport fire victims). They returned it saying that insurance paid their wages. The club voted to give the money to the food bank. Don Thorne delivered the money with a letter saying it was from individuals and not the Rakers Car Club funds.

September door prize brought in \$96. Volunteers for next month's meeting are: Derry Dillingham, Don Riggle, Gayle Hurd, Karl Jacobsen & Mike Keller.

Gayle Thorne, Secretary

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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**

**Please consider running for office in 2009.**

**If interested, please contact any of our officers.**

#### Editor's Note:

We did not vote on this as a club, but I would like to suggest that any individuals wishing to donate food to our local food bank, please bring non-perishable items to the November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.

Don and I will be glad to deliver the goods on behalf of the Rakers Car Club.

# November 4, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 OVAC Swap Meet Bremerton
2 OVAC Swap Meet Bremerton	3	4 Rakers Club Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30	Dec 1	2 Rakers Christmas Party & Election Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4	5	6

## Upcoming Events

**November 1-2, 2008** Bremerton OVAC Swap Meet at Kitsap Fairgrounds

**January 24-25, 2009** 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!

**June 27, 2009 Rakers Car Show.** Let's get the word out now!

**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.