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President's Message

I have attended more Car Shows and Events this year than I have ever attended in the past. As President of the Rakers I wanted to participate all that I could to help spread the word of our Great Car Club.

This past weekend I went to the End of the World Run in Ocean Park. I learned about the Run years ago by seeing it on the long departed TV Show Cruzin Northwest and had always wanted to attend. Since I always have more things to do each day than I seem to have time for, I put off getting my application submitted until just before the deadline.

With that done I needed to find a place to stay. I learned on the first call I made that I may be in trouble. All of the rooms had been booked for a year and they had No Vacancy. The second call I placed connected me with Harriet and she informed me that she had just received a cancellation and had a Cottage for me to say in. With my entry sent in and a place to stay, all that was left was to get my 56 Ford Pickup ready.

I spent Labor Day weekend going over everything I could think of so I wouldn't have any problems. On Friday morning the 9th, I met in Quilcene at the Ranger Station with the several Raker members and around 9:00 am and we headed South. I have always enjoyed traveling in a group as a Car Club, other motorists are friendlier and everyone seems to enjoy watching as we pass by.

The trip down was alot of FUN and we had only one minor problem with one of the cars. I was pleased with the way my Pickup ran. I had never driven it that far at any single time and I've put less then 1000 miles on it in the eight years that I have owned it.

We stopped at the show grounds on the way into town and picked up our registration packets. Shortly after checking into my room I got a note saying that my cousin Kenny called and left a message to meet him and some friends for dinner. After dinner a friend, Vicki and I went Cruising in the 56 to Long Beach. It was like being in a parade, people sitting in lawn chairs or in the back of pickups gathered in groups along the 10 mile cruise route, yelling and cheering as the cars passed by. When we got to the end of town I turned around and did the cruise again from the other direction.

Later on in the evening we decided to check out the night life and go dancing, the cruising had slowed down by then but diehard spectators were still cheering when we returned to Long Beach. I was supposed to meet for breakfast the next morning. I over slept and had to rush over to the Car Show and be parked by 8:00 am. The weather was cool and overcast, as the day progressed it warmed up, the clouds left, and it was beautiful.

908 cars were on display and the back of the show field was lined with Vendors. The show ended at 4:00 pm for the day and everyone departed in what I would call a mass exodus. One road serves as the exit and traffic takes a very long time to clear. I was inching my way along visiting with Vicki when I noticed my truck was overheating. I was very surprised because the night before I was stopped in traffic for a lot longer and I didn't heat up at all. Steam was starting to come from the engine compartment and I was praying I would make it over the hill so I could turn off the engine and coast for a while.

I was getting close to the top as I inched my way along when I heard a loud noise from under the hood as all of my coolant dumped onto the road. Vicki and some young men pushed me to the edge of the road. As I lifted the hood to check things out a State Patrolman came up and asked if he could help. He had pusher bumpers on the patrol car and he was able to push me up hill and beyond the ditch far enough that I was off of the street. Several Raker members stopped by and offered to help. I caught a ride and waited for the traffic to clear and for the truck to cool.

When I returned to work on it I discovered the bottom radiator hose had blown off the radiator connection. I loosened the clamp and put it back on. We filled it with water and I fired it up and discovered that the electric fan was not working. I drove it back to where I was staying. We went searching for some wire and supplies so we could bypass the relay and sensor and have the fan run when the ignition switch was turned on. It took a while for the bypass wiring work since most of the wiring under the hood is hidden and enclosed.

The next morning it was back to the show. The truck started right up; on the way I stopped and filled with gas (\$51.18). I started it up again and drove to the Raker Parking area. I had a wonderful time looking at all of the cars and visiting with everybody. At the conclusion we attended the Awards Presentation so we could cheer for John Franklin (57 Buick) and Mike Keller (34 Plymouth) as they received their Awards.

We went back to our cars to head for home. I got in my truck and found the battery was dead. We tried to jump it but we couldn't get enough juice to turn it over. I ran across the field hoping to catch the Optima Battery Vendor but he had left. We tried everything; we took the battery out of another car and put it in the truck. It started instantly; we unhooked the battery and tried to keep it running long enough to get my battery reconnected but having an electronic ignition, it died as soon as the battery was disconnected. I put a call into AAA and they said they would have a Tow Truck to me in an hour. I told the remaining people to head for home, but they said they were not going to leave me. I am thankful they didn't as the Tow Truck driver called in an hour and said he was between 1-1/2 and 2 hours away.

I decided to catch a ride home and leave my pickup there and come back the next day with a trailer and haul it home. I got home around 12:15 am and was up and on the phone before 6:00 am calling to borrow a trailer. I called my son and asked him to go with me; he said that he had to watch Sara (my 10 month old granddaughter) in the afternoon so Sara went with us.

I had wanted to go to the End of The World for years and had never done it. Now I was on my way back for the second time having been home just a few hours. The borrowed trailer towed super behind my Chevy Pickup and most of the trip was uneventful. We stopped for lunch in Raymond, then were slowed by road construction, then finally found a nice straight stretch of road to make some time on.

Every once in a while a car would drive by that was at the show heading home. I even saw the Patterson's Towing their 37 Chevy Pickup. Just as I was making the best time of the day, I noticed a white Ford coming toward me. Before I knew it lights were flashing and I pulled to the side of the road as the Trooper did a U turn. I reached in my pocket, got out my license, and said good morning as I handed it to Officer M.B. Smith and said "my bad luck just keeps continuing". He asked what I meant and I told him why I had driven 173 miles so far this morning towing a trailer. He said that he noticed all of the other trailers were going the opposite direction and had cars on them. I looking in the center console for my insurance and registration papers when he said he was

going to write down that he had stopped me and for me to slow down and he handed me back my license. I said "this is the second good experience that I have had with the State Patrol in as many days."

When we arrived back in Ocean Park the 56 Ford Pickup was waiting at the show field right where we left it. Several Beach Baron members were working on the grounds; another visit went on as I got ready to load up. We soon found that the winch to pull the pickup on the trailer with didn't work, so the Beach Barons men offered to pushed it on the trailer as one of the women watched Sara.

The trip home was uneventful (THANK GOD) we stopped at Dairy Queen in Raymond so Sara could have a little ice cream for being so good. I owe a very Heartfelt Thank You to John & Tina Franklin for their help and the ride home, Joe & Darcy Clouse and Karl & Sandy Jacobsen for your help and support, and Jerry Hampton for the loan of your trailer. Several others helped including many Beach Barons. Thank you all.

The South County Classic Cruiser Car Show September 24, 10 am to 4 pm has moved the show location to the Quilcene School playfields watch for signs.

Try to make it to Ferino's on Wednesday ,September 28th, for our final Cruise-In of the summer.

Bill

Editor's Note:

Don and I had our first opportunity to participate in the End of the World Rod Run....we had a great time with a great group of Rakers...Franklins, Clouses, Jacobsens, Wiles, Pattersons, Kellers, Ron Bishop, Bill Eldridge and a perspective member, Captain Jack & Louise (hope I didn't forget anyone).

We especially want to thank Ron Bishop for letting us cruise with him in his 56 Oldsmobile!

A group of us had the pleasure of attending the BBQ at Richard (Pitch) Porsch & Sherri's place in Ocean Park. Their house is under construction and should be completed in a few months. We just want to say thanks for the hospitality and sorry we didn't get a picture to put in the newsletter.

Rakers Minutes for August 2, 2005

President Bill called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report read, approved.

Don Riggle reported that the June 24, 2006 car show is going okay.

Activities Committee: Mike Keller had nothing to report.

Fred Edwards, **South County Classic Car Cruisers Car Show** is coming up September 24th. \$10 entry, \$8 entry, if you bring a non-perishable donation for the food bank. \$5.00 for the "Burn Out Contest", which Fred explained. He has applications. You need a separate application for the parade.

End of the World Rod Run in Long Beach, WA, September 10th/11th. Jim Patterson said they allow groups to rope off sections. Karl Jacobsen is going early so he'll rope off an area for 10 cars. The group is leaving Quilcene Ranger Station at 9:00 am.

New Business:

Ann Pougiales & husband Charles MacNab from **Centrum** are looking for Raker's cars that would be willing to give bidding passengers a ride for the Cruise to Sequim on a weekend in July or August 2006. They hold their auction in October 22, 2005. **Donation cut off date is September 16th**. They would like to have a digital photo to post so that passengers can bid on a ride in your classic car! The Rakers made no commitment at this point need to check the 2006 calendar.

Old/Unfinished Business:

If you don't already have your car posted on our website, get your photo to Bill!

Rakers need to find another space for the **Choo Choo** project. Bill's son needs the space he was going to donate. Don Thorne has volunteered to coordinate the project and provide some materials, but we still need to find a work space.

Mike Keller is going to check on dates in December for the **Rakers Christmas Party at My Girl Drive In**. Motion was made & seconded, all approved to empower Mike to make the arrangements. Keith Marzan mentioned we need to have a second choice and mentioned the Cook House/Kitchen Space at Fort Worden. Comment was made that the weather can be a factor. Gayle can email results.

Victoria House Run, Karl Jacobsen to look into.

Chimacum Café is having their **50th Anniversary**, Sunday, October 9th. John Franklin is arranging a run to **Eaglemount Rockeries** 10:00 a.m., then head to Chimacum Café. *Note: Eaglemount Rockeries accepts donation of polished rocks to hand out to the children as "magical rocks."*

After the **End of the World Rod Run** there will be a BBQ at Pitch's house under construction on the Long Beach Peninsula. Bring your own BBQ meat, side dish and beverage.

Bill read a thank you note from Helen for the lovely flowers, the many condolences and offers of help in Paul's passing.

Jerry Hampton – "Stand Out In the Crowds" tossed out Raker's "Whirling" caps!

Rakers had 27 cars, lots of winners, awards at the **Kiwanis Car Show!**

Raffle brought in \$98. Jan Merritt's "mystery bag" was won by Ron Bishop...a large connecting rod!

Raffle prizes for October 4th meeting: Ron Rogers, Don Riggle, Brian Austin, Jan Merritt and Sharon Clark.

Don Gregor reported on his trip to **Good Guys** in Pleasanton, CA, 5,000 cars and 100 degrees. They had a corral of 450 just for 1932 Roadsters.

Bob Pontius reported on his trip to Mission, BC to race his 1999 Corvette.

Bill attended **Beaches Cruise Night** in Portland last Wednesday with 2,000 cars and motorcycles attending and 1/8 mile Drags going on.

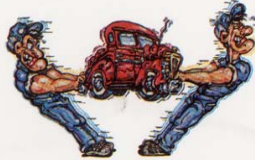
Someone said Forks is building a drag strip, ready next year?

Meeting Adjourned, 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Wager

Thank You Newsletter Contributors!

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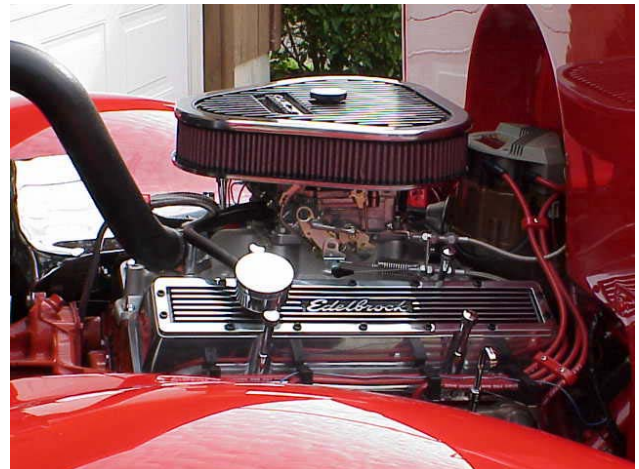
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1937 Chevrolet Pickup Street Rod. SBC 400 with Turbo 400 transmission. Fatman front end with disc brakes, Nova rear end, Glide Engineering seat, etc., etc. 4000 miles on rig since frame up rebuild. Truck is done other than final upholstery, \$20,000.

Also For Sale- 'As new' tailgate for 1937-1939 Chevrolet Pickup. Would probably fit comparable Ford or Dodge or any after-market bed, \$75.

Contact Jim Patterson (360) 796-3052

"End of the World" Long Beach Peninsula 2005



Ron, Shannon & Lacey Bishop's Sled



Mike Keller and company



Bill Eldridge's PU...can't hold water



Wiles, it's a family affair



Joe Clouse is it the mist or the starter?



Spencer says, nobody gets in or out without my OK!




What's everyone talking about?



Gayle finally found the cans (inside joke)



October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Raker's Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 Egglemount Rockerries 10 am & Chimacum Café 50 th Anniversary	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Punkin Run Chubbys in Bellingham	31 	Nov 1 Raker's Meeting	2	3	4	5

Upcoming September & October Events:

- September 17, Westbay Poker Run
- September 16-17, Winthrop Antique Auto Rally
- September 18, 100 Years of Wheels & Deals, Auburn
- September 24/25 Harvest Swap Meet, Centralia
- September 23-25 Sea Cruise, Ocean Shores

October 1, Unrun, Union Gap

Please Drive Friendly!