



## NEWSLETTER

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### Presidents Corner

Rakers! Thanks to one and all who attended our September meeting. Welcome to our new members as well.

As usual there is a lot going on. I am most excited about the forthcoming Bergstrom's gig in a couple of weeks. Seeing the horseless carriages will be a treat as well. Here are a couple of jokes going around when these horseless carriages were new: **"What is a buccaneer?** *It's what corn will cost if inflation keeps going.*" **"How do you make pants last?** *Make the shirt first.*" (See, back in them days folks pretty much made their own clothes).

Now for Mikey's tip of the month. This month, "Improving your gas mileage."

We are once again watching as gas prices climb. So, we'll want to improve our gas mileage in order to save money. A few years back researchers did a study in which they put ICC mirrors on a Dodge van. They found that the mirrors cut mileage by 16%! So the lesson is...if you have any extra items on you car that cause "drag" it will negatively impact your mileage. So, during the off season, take off the canoe rack, bike rack, Kayak rack, etc. and improve your mileage. Now, if you are a musician the best way to improve your mileage is to remove the pizza delivery sign. Thank you.

There are still a number of auto-oriented shows and swap meets to attend so get out there and enjoy.

Yours truly

Mike Hinojos

## September 1, 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Hinojos.

Guests included Charlie Rutkowski, Doug and Linda Coles and prospective members Skip and Joan Owen.

Mike Hammers, filling in for Secretary Dave Mann, read the minutes from the August meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Don Thorne read the treasurer's report and it was approved by voice vote.

### **Announcements:**

Rich Stapf said Tony Liske, Jr. has a '34 Ford pickup and a '23 T-bucket for sale. Another member gave the contact telephone number as 360 385-6340.

Rakers member Danny Pierce brought a plaque to the club that was presented to the Rakers by the local Kiwanis Club. The plaque recognized the Rakers Car Club for having ten or more cars at their September car show.

Several Rakers members were received awards at the recent Port Ludlow car show. Keith Marzan, Marvin Miller, Jim and Mary Krotzer, Morris James, Gayle and Butch Hurd, and Derry Dillingham were awarded trophies for their cars and Mary Krotzer won the Poker Walk.

President Mike Hinojos asked about the club's participation in The End of the World Run. Mike Keller will be saving about ten spaces for Rakers members so they could all park together.

Rakers member Jim Franklin said he has two tables reserved for the 2010 Washington State Hot Rod Hall of Fame banquet to be held on April 24, 2010, at the Tacoma Convention Center. Two tables will seat sixteen people and Jim said he would like to fill the tables with Rakers members before offering spaces to others. The banquet is held in conjunction with a car show and discounts are available on hotel accommodations. Call Jim Franklin (385-1986

or Cell: 360-316-1156) to reserve your seats at the banquet.

Rakers member Jim Arrabito said he talked to a woman who will be tie dying shop rags and adding the club logo if Rakers members were interested. By voice vote, the club approved our participation.

### **Membership:**

Skip and Joan Owen were sponsored by Mike Hammers for membership in the club. They have attended three functions with the Rakers and their membership was approved by voice vote. They have a bagged '90 Chev pickup. We welcome them to the Rakers Car Club.

Rick and Laurie Crawford attended the meeting and it was their second Rakers event. They will be eligible for membership at the October meeting.

### **Activities:**

Activities Chairman Keith Marzan said the Mount Vernon chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club of America will be bringing 37 cars to Port Townsend on September 13<sup>th</sup>. He said there will be Rakers members providing the chase cars.

Keith said volunteers from the Rakers will be at **Bergstrom's Antique & Classic Autos on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** to meet and greet participants in the Hospital Auxiliary Victorian Homes Tour. Contact Keith (385-3723) if you want to volunteer or to confirm your scheduled day and time.

President Mike Hinojos said we are still looking for a member to take over the car club chairperson position for the 2010 car show.

### **New Business:**

President Mike Hinojos brought up the idea of changing our bylaws to allow for club officers' membership fees to be waived. Rakers member Karl Jacobsen expressed the view that serving as an officer is an honor and should not be a compensated position. Mike said there would be a vote on the issue at the October meeting.

**Old Business:** (none)

**Guest Speaker.**

Rakers member Don Thorne gave a talk on welding. He told the membership about some of the latest technology and took questions from the membership. Don also reminded us that Rakers members receive a discount on purchases at Central Welding and that we should be sure to tell the clerk we are Rakers members. Don also said he would host a gathering at his shop for those interested in learning more about welding.

Because of an abundance of raffle prizes, there were more raffle winners than we have ever had at a Rakers meeting. Prize winners were Bill Leavitt, Jim Franklin, Skip Owen, Laurie Crawford, Rich Stapf, Marvin Miller (2), Vic Olsen (2), Karl Jacobsen, Jack Harrison, Greg Jacobsen (2), Gayle Hurd, Mike Lindsey (2), Don Rogers, Jim Krotzer, Mike Hammers (2), Doug Crawford and Morris James.

Volunteering to bring prizes to the October meeting were Bill Leavitt, Vic Olsen, Danny Pierce, Gayle Hurd and Joel Clark.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Mike Hammers  
Acting Secretary

**Don't forget the Rakers Car Club is invited to Saturday noon Burger Feeds at the *Port Townsend Elks Lodge*. When we have a nice, clear, NO RAIN day, let's cruise to the Elks for burgers.**

**NOTE: For those on the snail mail list be sure to visit our website at [www.rakerscarclub.com](http://www.rakerscarclub.com) to see photos in color.**

## For Sale!

### **1978 GMC Heavy Duty Half Ton**

454 engine, 165,000 miles

Automatic 3 speed

Dual fuel tanks

Power windows/steering/brakes

Body is rusty on one side & somewhat beat up.

Asking \$1000

Contact: Ed Merrill 360-385-0351

### **New chrome bumpers for 1933-34 Ford**

**Asking \$400, Contact Jerry Johnson**

**360-379-2855**

**Rakers**  
**Monthly Membership Meetings**  
Held every First Tuesday of the month  
7 pm - Highway 20 Roadhouse  
**Downstairs Lounge area**  
**Next Meeting: October 6, 2009**  
*Please remember to sign in.*

# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Rakers Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

## Current Events

**End of the World Run, Ocean Park September 12-13**

**Bergstroms Auto Museum "McTakeover" on September 19-20.** ALSO, please volunteer for a 2-hour shift with Keith Marzan. This is a Benefit for Bergstroms and for the Jefferson Hospital Auxiliary. This is an important Community Event.

**Sep 20 - Seattle, WA; West Seattle Junction Car Show** California Ave SW & SW Alaska Street, West Seattle, WA; 8:00 am-4:00 pm; Reg. Fee - \$15(pre) \$20(day of); The Junction; 206 334 6606 (June) 206 725 5175; [www.wsjunctioncarshow.com](http://www.wsjunctioncarshow.com)

**Sep 26 - Bothell, WA; Festival & Car/Cycle Show** Evergreen Community Church, 3429 240th St SE, Bothell, WA 98021; Reg. at 3:30, Show starts 4:00 pm; Adm. Free; No Reg. Fee; Evergreen Community Church; 425 773 9812; [deljskinner@comcast.net](mailto:deljskinner@comcast.net); [www.evergreen-cc.org](http://www.evergreen-cc.org)

**Sep 27 - Snohomish, WA; Snohomish Classic Car & Hot Rod Display** Downtown Snohomish, 127 Avenue A, Snohomish, WA 98290; 10:00 am-4:30 pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; Snohomish Chamber of Commerce; 360 568 2526; [manager@cityofsnohomish.com](mailto:manager@cityofsnohomish.com); <http://www.cityofsnohomish.com>

**Kiwanis 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show  
August 22, 2009 100+ cars in attendance**



All Steel, hand-formed, ~3/4 scale Willis Front End—  
built by George McMurray, Sequim