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President's Message

What a great meeting we had in August the good news just kept coming in from the members. Don Gregor told of his surprise "**Best of Show**" Trophy with his 34 Ford Coupe while attending the **Legends Car Show** in Kirkland; his 34 will be the feature Car for the 2006 Show. He also mentioned that Sally is in the final drawing for the giveaway Good Guys Red 2006 Dodge Charger. Good Luck Sally!

The **Mell Chevrolet Show** in Shelton on July 30th was another highlight for Raker members. Jim Patterson won "**Best of Show**" with his 1937 Chevy Pickup. Jim Franklin won "**Best Bel Air**" with his 1955 Chevy hard top and Ron Rogers won "**Best work in Progress**" with his 1949 Chevy Fastback.

On Wednesday morning at 3:20 a.m. I pulled out of my driveway in my 2005 Corvette with my Grandson Taylor for a drive to Reno and Hot August Nights; we arrived in Reno at 3:00 PM that afternoon having stopped once for gas in Grants Pass Oregon and a stop in Northern California for lunch. We checked into our room at the Atlantis then took the skybridge across Virginia Avenue to check out cars and vendor displays. The cars built in 1955 were celebrating the 50th year. I have never seen so many 1955 Chevrolets at one time, from a Gypsy Red Convertible with 185 HP 265CI original to a Yellow 2 door Sedan with 1200HP 871 Blown 572CI ground shaker, and everything in between. There was a row of about 50 32 Fords in every imaginable style and color with mild to wild covered completely. There were Pickups, there were Wagons, I even saw a 1940's something fully modified Packard Ambulance that actually looked pretty good. There were Corvettes, some were stock, some had flames. There were Plymouths, Dodges, Oldsmobiles, Fords, Pontiacs, Mercury's and just about everything else. I am certain that on that lot, there was something for everyone and in most cases it would be difficult picking a favorite.

Over at the Hilton the same thing was going on at the same time and they are both free to attend.

Early the next morning we headed to the Fairgrounds for the Swap Meet which opens at 7:00 a.m. Just about everything thing for sale is displayed under tents. There is also a "Cars For Sale" display inside the livestock building with a couple hundred cars for sale. It is best to go there first if you are looking to buy a car. Go in the afternoon if you just want to look at the cars and cool down a bit. There are so many things going on that it would be impossible to do all of them. I am going again next year to try and do some of the things I didn't do this year.

I am looking forward to a great Raker turn out at the Kiwanis Car Show on Saturday August 20th.

Bill

Rakers Minutes for August 2, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Bill at 7:10 pm. (Bill was going to Hot August Nights in Reno, but decided to wait a day!)

Visitor: Richard Smith, prospective new member. New member, Rex Rice, sent in his information and dues. Rex has a 1936 Ford Deluxe 4-door Sedan and a 1946 Dodge Pick-Up, all original.

Minutes of July 5th meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report read and approved.

Don Riggle reported on the Rakers Car Show: Next show will be June 24, 2006 so mark your calendars! Boy Scouts will 'man' a refreshment/coffee stand. Need volunteers for donations to raffle off, gate/parking/ registration/ticket takers, etc. Get in touch with Don. Will Gary Wiles be "MC" again? He does such an excellent job!

Activities Committees:

Mike Keller: Top of the World Run to Mt. Rainier was a fun, warm, clear day. Next year might be June 18th.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Dash plaques from John Franklin. Doug Such, South County Classic Car Club of Quilcene plan their first car show, September 24, 2005, 10am to 4pm at the Community Center, \$10 entry, bring non-perishable food item for Food Bank and get \$8 entry fee. Forms for parade. Macadoos will be there and they may have a "burn out" contest!

Patrick Sullivan has forms for the Kiwanis Car Show, August 20th. "Not going to rain this year!" Line up at the Bank of America lot at 7:30 am. Would be neat to form a pyramid for picture/T-shirts?

Jerry Hampton suggested Rakers' cars imposed over waterfront scene for new T-shirts. Committee: Jerry Hampton, Gary Wiles, Karl Jacobsen, Jim Arrabito. Jim Franklin suggested using BadD Habit.

George Earl, long-time Port Townsend High School teacher/principal/alumni is requesting the club's help in fixing up the Port Townsend Kiwanis "Choo Choo". Built in 1970 by Crown Zellerbach

employees, it is powered by a 1951 Buick straight eight, A 6V system with generator, hydraulic brakes. The Kiwanis would like to be able to put it in more Parades. It runs around town advertising Kiwanis Car Show, etc. Needs a new chassis, etc. and he's looking for talented, skilled workers, a work place and "Boss." He has money in a Kiwanis Trust Fund, but would like to include the Raker's talent pool to work with the Kiwanis and get credit on the float. Brian Austin said Bob & Cleo Austin (Bob passed away) have an old float. Bill Eldridge offered a work place if there are interested Rakers. The following volunteers signed up: Kyle Downs, Patrick Sullivan, Rich Stapf Sr., John Tyner, Jim Franklin, Brian Austin, Vic Olson and Don Thorne. George would like to see it ready for the Rhody Parade in 2006!

Don Gregor told of "Kirkland on the Beach" car show, 828 cars. He won a large trophy. He also mentioned that Sally is one of the finalists for the Good Guys give away for a 2006 Dodge Charger.

Raker winners from the Mell Chevrolet Show in Shelton were. Jim & Sandy Patterson "Best of ShowShock," Jim Franklin "Best BelAir" and Ron Rogers "Work in Progress."

Patrick Sullivan, no wins, but attended Best Little Car Show by a Dam Site, Thompson Falls, MT 100 cars, 90 degrees and then it rained!

Raffle brought in \$129.00

Prizes for September 6th Raker's Meeting: Karl Jacobsen, Jan Merritt, Sally Gregor, Joel Clark

John Franklin announced that Ernie & Schen Callahan would like the Rakers to come to Eaglemount Rockeries with their cars.

Don Riggle brought a sample metal-to-metal bonding. He has the gun to do it and once sealed it's water tight. He has information if anyone is interested.

Patrick Sullivan stated that the Hood Canal Bridge hours are exact....so no racing to get there.

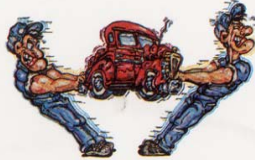
Mike Keller got \$101 ticket from Poulsbo Cop for a headlight out. No warning issued, so he went to court and Judge dismissed case. A younger person didn't fare as well, just got a reduced fee!

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Wagar

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Photos from Mell Chevrolet Show in Shelton



Jim & Sandy Patterson's 37 Chevy



Jim Franklin's 55 Chevy 2nd car in Jim Patterson's 37 Chevy 5th car in the row





September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 First NW Nostalgia Drags @ Pacific Raceway→
4 Early Irons NW Run to Port Gamble	5 Labor Day	6 Raker's Meeting	7 Raker's Summer Cruise-In @ Ferino's 5:30 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Raker's Summer Cruise-In @ Ferino's 5:30 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Raker's Summer Cruise-In @ Ferino's 5:30 pm HC Bridge Closed	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Raker's Summer Cruise-In @ Ferino's 5:30 pm	29	30	October 1

Upcoming August & September Events:

- August 12-13-14: Jefferson County Fair...Be there!
- August 13&14: 4th Annual Port Angeles Car Show
- August 20th: Kiwanis Car Show
- August 21st: Just Because Show'N Shine

Events from the Blue Calendar of Events Sheet:

- August 13: North Whidbey Lions Club Car Show in Oak Harbor (360-679-3189)
Taste of Hood Canal & Car Show in Belfair (360-275-5075)
Bainbridge Island Classic Car & Cycle Show (800-775-1733, Ext. 106)
Antique Truck Show in Shelton (360-866-7716)
- August 14: Rusty Relics on the Waterfront in Everett (425-337-3882)
All Corvette Show'N Shine in Bellingham (360-371-7568)
- August 21: Mustang Club All Ford Show in Puyallup (253-840-6153)
Mopar Fever in Bellingham (360-398-0863)
XXX 55-57 Chevy Show in Issaquah (425-392-1266)
- August 28: Hot August Chrome Classic in Renton (206-300-5254)
- September 2&3: Cool Creek Nites in Olympia (360-352-1626)
- September 3&4: First NW Nostalgia Drags @ Pacific Raceways (925-838-9876)
Blackberry Hot Rod & Harley in Bremerton (360-377-3041)
- September 4: Early Irons NW Run to Port Gamble (206-842-3627)
- September 10: Hot Autumn Nites in Edmonds (425-670-1496)
Corvette Hi Po Open House in Olympia (360-754-7890)

Please Drive Safely