



Century Toppers Rod & Custom Car Club

Minutes – regular monthly meeting January 21, 2015.

Meeting called to order @ 7:40 p.m.

Attendance: 17 members present, with no guests

Secretary's report: November minutes distributed by email – no errors or omissions reported.

Treasurer's report: Our current bank balance is reported at **\$5049.34**.

There is an outstanding debit amount of **\$250.00** for door prize purchases, which **Bill Campbell** is owed for our Christmas event. His company had previously donated that amount to our club account in December, however the actual purchases were expensed to his personal credit card.

Motion: To accept treasurer's report as read, by **John Fleury**, seconded by **Brian Pearce**.
All in favour, none opposed, carried.

Old Business:

Christmas dinner/dance:

This year ending event was very successful, with either 88 or 92 tickets sold. That number to be confirmed on **Don Wilson's** return from holidays. We had great participation from both the **Rogues** and the **Torquemasters** clubs and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A big thanks to **John Fleury** who worked the crowd with 50/50 tickets which showed a return of **\$146.00** to the club coffers. The total expense for the event was **\$4377.92** and after the dust settled, the club's revenue was positive by about **\$50.00**. Great budgeting by all that were involved.

Discussions followed on a review of the event. The entertainment was well received, however dance participation was somewhat lacking again this year. The dance music component during the evening should be reviewed with attendees to gauge its real value. This year's deejay lacked any real enthusiasm to get people up and off their chairs.

Website:

Updating of the website to current status will be done in the early spring by the executive. We will also renew our efforts to land some additional advertising sponsors.

Schedule of events for 2015:

The executive met in early January to begin the process of building our schedule of events for this year. **Bill Campbell** went over the tentative schedule looking for comments and feedback. Items looking for immediate direction included the Mayday parade which requires a commitment in early February. The members agreed it is worthwhile to enter again this year, so an application and request for the required insurance documents will be started. Our co-coordinators for the garage tours and meal locations will now meet with the executive and begin nailing down the destinations.

Off Island 2015 Cruise:

One off island destination that was recommended was the **Peach City Beach Cruise** held in Penticton on **June 26 – 28th**. Several members have already committed to going and a show of hands indicated that an additional 4 or 5 members, who were present this evening, were interested. See their website at www.peachcitybeachcruise.com/ Members who have already booked rooms have registered at the Spanish Villa Motor Inn, leaving Victoria on Thursday June 25th, returning Sunday June 28th., however rooms are very scarce so anyone interested in going should act quickly to secure accommodations. If you want more info contact **Mike Roy at 250 479-2541**. Reserved parking on the beachfront road is \$20, but guarantees you the same spot for the entire weekend. Those who have booked this, have reserved in **area D** near the motor inn, and it would be great if all those going were in the same area for club identification.

ICBC Seminar:

Bob Bentham has contacted ICBC again, to firm up some details. They are looking for some input as to what types of information we are seeking. We will be sending them a list of queries to help them formalize the content for this meeting. **Bill Campbell** will approach Megson Fitzpatrick Insurance Services to see if they would be interested in co-hosting this event by supplying a venue. Look for more details next month.

B r e a k: 50/50 winner **Bill Campbell** took home a crisp \$20 bill with the winning ticket and also offered a Canucks hat to the winner. A second draw was conducted and fan **Al Breen** covered his frothy locks with a new hat.

New Business:

2015 Membership Fees:

Bill Campbell reported that compared to last year at this time, our club bank account is about \$1400 to the good. Based on the fact that we do not foresee any additional expenses over last year's budget, the executive is recommending that our annual dues remain at their existing level. Although there was no motion to this effect, the members tonight all agreed that **\$40.00 per annum** was quite acceptable.

Sears MasterCard:

John Fleury mentioned he has just obtained a new Sears MasterCard which has the added benefit of not charging a service charge to US purchases. Almost all credit cards out there today charge a service charge on any purchase south of the border, and with the current exchange rate it really adds up if you are continually purchasing auto parts from US suppliers. Check it out.

Importing vehicles from the US:

There is a new procedure or step in place in bring a car into Canada from the US. An AES File number is now required prior to importation. **Pacific Customs Brokerage** offers a service to obtain this on your behalf, and will obtain all the necessary documentation for a fee. The explanation of this new system, attached below, was taken from the Registrar of Imported Vehicles site:

What is the Automated Export System (AES)?

Automated Export System (AES) is a mandatory filing requirements by U.S. Census Bureau of the of Electronic Export Information (EEI).

All exports of used self-propelled vehicles, regardless of value, will be required to file EEI through AES.

The export process begins when the exporter decides to export a vehicle. The exporter or the authorized agent transmits the commodity (EEI) information using AES. This information can come directly from the exporter or the authorized agent. AES also validates the transportation data then generates either a confirmation message in the form of an Internal Transaction Number (ITN) or an error message. Any errors messages generated by AES must be corrected and the corrections transmitted to AES.

How to File Electronic Export Information through the Automated Export System:

Non-U.S resident including Canadians must employ and authorize a U.S. agent (i.e. Freight Forwarder, Broker, etc.) to file export information to the AES on their behalf.

The Latest on the Rat Pack:

Bill Campbell mentioned he recently went to move his stored 1979 Mustang only to find that a number of rodents must have entered the car by way of the glass sunroof which was left slightly open for ventilation. The car was under a tarp in a locked garage; however these varmints were determined not only to break into the garage but also the car. Unfortunately they decided to know on lots of plastic, stuffing, and leather, leaving what was once pristine red leather interior in shambles with nests, stuffing, and deposits over everything. A visit with an ICBC appraiser is the next order of business which he hopes will result in sufficient funds to at least cover some of cost of the repairs.

Mission Drags:

Mike Roy mentioned another possible destination for club members may be the Mission Drag strip this year to see the heavy hitters spin their wheels. Any interest?

**No other new business – motion to adjourn by Bob Rivers, seconded by Bob Parker
Time: 9:35 pm.**

Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, February 08 ----- Valentines Brunch – location to be confirmed.
Look for details on time and location by email.**

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 – 7:30 pm at the Victorian Seniors Res.