

## Fifty 5-6-7 Club

Vancouver & Area  
May/June 2010

President: Dave Hetherington

V-President: vacant

Treasurer: Ron Greavette

Secretary: Patricia Burns

Event Coordinators: Dick Tatham  
Fred Bobye  
Richard Stirling

Club Merchandise: vacant

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### NEXT MEETING:

*July 11<sup>th</sup> - Cruise/Picnic/Meeting  
at Harrison Hot Springs*

*Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Aldergrove Picnic  
mini meeting at Roman & Judy's*

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# Fins & Fenders

## *Newsletter*

The Fifty 567 Club is an Organization for the Support & Promotion  
Restoration & Preservation of the 1955 - 1956 - 1957 Chevrolet and  
Pontiac, including Chevrolet & GMC'S Trucks and Corvettes (Est. 77)

### NEW CLUB MAILING ADDRESS

**411 - 8972 Fleetwood Way  
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*CLUB CRUISE TO*

*HARRISON HOT*

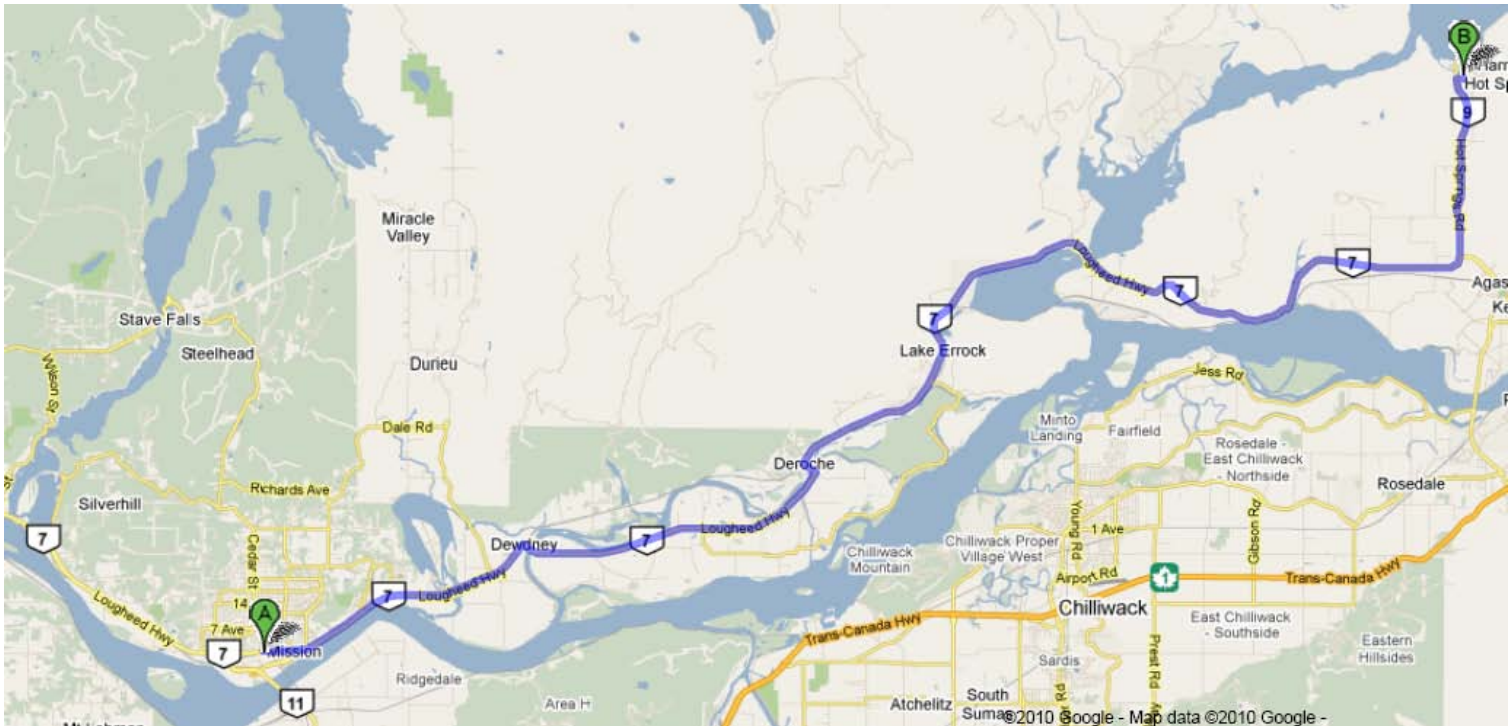
*SPRINGS*

*Sunday July 11 - pitstop at  
9:00am at Tim Horton's on  
London Ave. at Junction Mall in  
Mission, BC*

*Hey Everyone;*

*Throw on your cool **Sunhat**, your coolest **Sunglasses** & your **Sunscreen** 'cause we are heading **East** to the **Mountains** for a **Cruise/BBQ/**Great time. Pack a cooler of your favourite beverages, snacks and **B.Y.D. Meat** to cook and some culinary delight to share. Don't forget a chair or two for sharing. Bring a friend, loved one or just someone you want to share the day with !!! Bring a game or two for something to do, walk along the beach or just sit back and drink the day away !!! Two **BBQ's** will be available to cook on or bring yours if you have one. See you on **Sunday** - in the **Sunshine**.*

*Any questions, call: **Judy** at **604.530.9947** or cell on cruise day **604.616.9947** or **Dave** at **604.420.4429**.*



***Cruise route from Mission to Harrison.***

## **Meetings of the Fifty 567 Club**

**Meetings for April, May & June 2010 were held at the following members' homes:**

- April 6<sup>th</sup> Fred & Ginny's - Surrey
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Roman & Judy's - Langley
- June 5<sup>th</sup> Barry Burns home (Pat's Brother & wife) - White Rock

Due to circumstances beyond my or our club members' control, the notes for these meetings are not available for publication at this time and I feel it is well past due to issue a newsletter.

I will do my best to gather and publish the past meeting minutes when and if they become available.

Some but not all topics discussed:

- Organizing Club booth at the BC Custom Car Show at the Tradex in Abbotsford for April.
- Ongoing discussion of preparation for Club show at Aldergrove Lake in September.
- Future Club meetings and their locations
- Club finances
- Upcoming events
- Club cruise to Harrison and picnic/meeting to be held there

There have been several Club members who have gone through some difficult life situations over the past months. Speaking on behalf of the club, as the current President, I want to assure anyone who has been going through a difficult time that you have friends who care and support you in the Club. That's what makes membership in a club so important – a social network of care, help, support and knowledge (and awesome tool & parts resources too).

So, along these thoughts, I would like to pass along the following messages:

Our condolences go out to Patricia for the loss of her brother - our thoughts and prayers to you.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brad as he gets back on track after some personal issues.

Get well and stay well to Dave Hooper who has had some health issues recently.

Work safely Omer, injuries are not welcome or productive.

Happy Birthday to all who have celebrated with cake and candles over the past few months.

Welcome to **Kevin Wardle** as our newest member.

And to all Club members – take care of yourselves and live life to the fullest. You deserve it!

*As a result of Brad's resignation from Club president, I have taken over the throttle for the rest of the term so be gentle and patient as I get up to speed. Thanks to Judy for helping me with several items including plaques and trophies for our Aldergrove event.*

Thanks to Ed Wagge and his Mom for the annual **Club Bowling Event** in Surrey. It is certainly an event that we look forward to every year. We had a good turnout and lots of laughs, and even some random good bowling mixed in throughout the evening. I saw some good scores above several lanes by the likes of Mark G., Judy H., Dick T., and I believe a high overall score by Don P. A good time was had by all.

## ***Back to School***

During the dark cold months of March and April, three of your club mates went back to class – autobody repair class that is. Alex, Brad and I signed up for the six part course at Rumble Seat Restoration located in Mission, taking place on Saturday mornings. Alex has known shop owner Don Warren for some time and known that he is a very experienced body repairman who certainly can be called a metal fabrication expert. Alex's recommendation that this course would be very worthwhile to us 'car guys' was readily accepted by Brad and I and we have no regrets.



Alex using a longboard to sand his door.

The Rumble Seat Shop is well equipped with the necessities of autobody repair and fabrication but certainly has the atmosphere of taking a step back in time with the vintage of some of the equipment. The facility is practical if not modern with some of the equipment having been fabricated by Don himself to serve a specific purpose with metal fabrication or repair. And the shelves on the walls are stacked with odd bits of project leftovers, supplies, spares and antique pieces from many years gone by. There was even the hollow body shell of a mid thirties Chevy perched up on top of a shelf unit.



Overall view of projects underway at the Rumble Seat shop.

Our morning ‘lessons’ covered topics like rusty panel replacement using both MIG and oxy-acetylene torch, dent repair using a hammer and dolley, pick and file metal repair, hammer welding for stress relief of the welded joints and even ‘old school’ lead filling (Brad’s fender got that treatment). As well, we got pointers on body fill application and shaping, primer painting and finish painting. But the interesting part of this training was that it was all imparted on us half dozen classmates by a very hands-on method. Don would take us around to as helped that student out, all the while explaining as he was working. And 10:00 coffee break was always a favourite time to kick back and share info; mostly Don telling stories of past and present projects.

Alex got his sedan delivery door repaired – rust cut out and replaced with new metal as well dents pulled out. Brad got his wagon fender repaired with a couple patch panels welded in. I got a truck fender patched as well as a lot of dents hammered out and also got a bumper welded, straightened, filled and primed.

So now that we have graduated, we are ready to take on our repair projects with more confidence and less fear than ever before. The question is, where do we some ambition?

### *Upcoming Events*

Classis Car & Motorcycle Show & Shine at Wellbrook Winery in Delta – July 17; also Blueberry Festival

Loafers Club – Old Timer Drags - Mission Raceway – July 31/Aug 1 – Classic Car Show as well.

Sleepy Hollow Run in Sechelt, August 6-8 - one of the best car cruises in BC.

The North West Classic Chevy Club 567 Chevy only car show is **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. They had 265 - 567 cars and trucks last year. Pre-registrations are \$15 USD, \$20 at the door.

30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Car Show hosted by Barry Burns on **August 21<sup>st</sup>** on the streets around his home in south Surrey. More information to follow. If the pictures I’ve seen are any indication, this is a show and event not to be missed.

## BC Custom Car Show

The Fifty 5-6-7 Club was well represented at this BC Custom Car Show with three fine entries on display. As you can see in the pictures below, we had a compact but well done display which drew a decent share of the car nuts who made their way out to the Tradex Center. Bigger and better next year!?!  
You bet!



Ronnie's Tweety Bird shined up and lookin' good.



Pat's great lookin' 56 complete with celebrity autograph.



Fred and Ginny's immaculate '57 ragtop.



Show Celebrities – Brett Wagner (Pass Time on Speed TV), Batgirl & George Barris

## MEET US AT THE FATHERS DAY PICNIC

One of the largest car shows here in the Lower Mainland is the Heritage Park, Fathers Day Picnic at Mission... It started, with an email from Dave (don't ya just love technology) who's goin to the Run? Then a phone call from Richard. Who's Goin to the Run? I called Ronnie G... are you goin to the Run? Ummm, if I get the car air cared next week will be goin???? Roman's talking with Alex, are you goin to the Run? It's Sat the day before. Another phone call, who's goin to the Run???

After several emails, and phone calls, Dave, Roman, Richard and Alex are goin to the Run..... Sunday morning started out cool, cloudy, rain? Richard parked his truck in the driveway and slowly made his way into the back seat of the 56 Rag ... I pulled the front seat forward to give him a little legroom, he is one of the tallest guys in the club. The trunk, packed with chairs, drinks, of course beer, chips, liquorish. Shorts and sandals just encase it turns, sunny (THINK POSITIVE) and a couple of magazines.

We're off, Tim Horton's here we come. With coffee in hand, no cup holders in the five six, we head towards Alex's, he was up and waiting for us.

Richard slowly emerged from the back seat, moaning a groaning, unfolding his long legs. He straightens up his body and heads over to Buddy the Pontiac, revs' him up. Alex drives out the turquoise rag and within minutes, we are headed east to Mission... Uummm, don't see any hotrods, or low riders,

Model T's, on the Highway, wonder if the dark clouds have kept them under shelter?? Maybe we are going to be the only ones there. We follow the signs up the side of the hill to Heritage Park. Oh my god as we rounded the corner, 9:45 ... holy crap look at all the cars, there had to be at least 600 plus cars ... As the welcome committee directed, we followed the dirt road up under the trees onto a grassy knoll, Buddy behind and the turquoise chariot right behind him. With the three musketeers in place, guess who was right behind, Brad with Snow White 56T-Bird and Dave with his (Al Green 55). Not sure how they managed that but it worked out great...



Now where is Casper, Dick where are you????? With all five of us in place, donned our jackets and set out to check the park... Man were there cars....Sunset Orange, limey green, shocking pink, flames on hoods, on rear ends... glossy pictures, nude women stroking the outer fenders... Many car guys pulled out their barbies, threw on the weenies, kids ran with the puppies, parents

watching where they put their little hands, don't touch finger moving back a forth ... guys dressed in blue jeans, jean jackets, long hair tied into pony tails, oooooing and awwwwing.

MORE CARS ... their still coming in, tired of walking the park!! Gotta be at least eight hundred by now, its 12:30 ...



Dale and Jim caught arriving a little late...fair-weather show guys maybe? Hey, Hey, Hey, here comes the Dickster, finally at 1:30 ish... with grandson Miles in tow. As we cruise around the park and listen to the talk, we walk the walk... a rumble here and rumble there, checking out the motors, undercarriage, peeking inside the cars... great interiors... It was getting late, the five' some decided to head back to

the cars and took in some R&R... junk food, pop, you know. Sat around critiqued some cars, reminisced some others, by then it was four 'ish and thought we would call it a day...



Despite the ominous clouds lingering around, it was a great day for a picnic in the park.... Oh by the way, from a reliable source the grand total was 1060 at the Park, gotta love it...

See you all there next year.  
Judy

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**WANTED**

1955/6/7 Sedan Delivery Rear Hatch  
1956 Pontiac Side Stainless for doors and rear quarters

1955 Chevy right fender

Call Alex – 604 – 856 – 3501

**FOR SALE**

1955 2 Door Hardtop

Numbers matching except for paint colour. 265 / Powerglide



\$30,000 Call Brad for details

- Rear ANTI **SWAY BAR** kit 1” (unopened) - - - - - \$100.00
- '55- 6 - 7 Station Wagon Lift-gate (No Glass) - - \$50.00 - - (With good glass) - \$100.00
- '57 parts – mostly sheet metal – other misc. random stuff - - - - - \$ call Brad
- '57 Sedan Delivery with full glass side panels – limited production - - - - - \$ call Brad
- '56 T-bird convertible c/w hardtop and factory connie kit - - - - must sell - - - \$ call Brad
- '56 Nomad; fresh from storage; many new parts to go as well - - - - - \$ call Brad

Brad - 778-838-6604

- '55 Chevy Front Bumper Guards (need Chroming) - - - - - \$40.00
- HEI distributor - Chevrolet - - - - - \$30.00
- Set of 4-16x8 Chevy 6 bolt Alum rims w/235-75x16 snow tires - - - - - \$200.00
- Chrome 4 barrel Air Cleaner w/ filter - - - - - \$15.00

Dave Hetherington - 604-420-4429

'64 Corvette rad - - - - - Ross – 604-809-252c, 604-942-5215h

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