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Howard Lengert's Hooper Place

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Chairman's Ramblings

It is difficult to believe that it is the end of June already. Thanks to the new garage all the toys are at home, all have been fully serviced, and all are on the road. I couldn't think what to call the garage e.g. The Motor House, The Carriage House etc, but a friend in the UK saw the pictures and dubbed it the Toy Box, naturally this name stuck!

As you will see we have a fairly full calendar for the rest of the year, and I hope you will come to some or preferably all of our meetings! The Social Secretaries (Darcy Collings and Terry Murphy) work very hard to try to give us a variety of things to do, and their best reward for this effort is a well attended event.

Speaking of events we are going to use e-mails to tell you of events, one a month before and one a week before, please reply and let us know if you are coming as the restaurants needs numbers. Also please let us know of anywhere you feel the club should visit. Your suggestions are always welcome.

Ralph Curzon is coming to do some work on my cars in August or September. If you need work done on your car please contact Hyphen Repair directly at 905 670 3656 to organize this. If several people want work done we will split his travel expenses and this will make the cost very attractive.

The final bit of news is that BC Region is unable to appoint a Regional Director to the Board of the RROC. The choice therefore devolves to Can-Am Prairie. I would be pleased to take this role on again, but it means we will need another Chairman as the rules state a Chairman cannot also be a Regional Director. If you want to do this job and you qualify (requirements in the Directory and Register), please let me know. Have a think about the Chairman's position and let me know if you would be prepared to do a job which needs a little time but lots of enthusiasm.

Yours from the Toy Box

Rob Manderson.

Editors Notes

The attendance at the 2005 Technical Seminar with Ralph Curzon was exceptional, by my count there were approximately 18 members, a few friends and a couple of the local constabulary (RCMP) in attendance. I am sure the RCMP attended just to keep us honest and to make sure no one was out front squealing tires. They did, however, thoroughly enjoy their rides in the various cars. Kathy and John Doyle were our gracious and generous hosts and went out of their way to make everyone feel comfortable in their home and workshop. John went to the extent of taking a couple of hardy souls for a ride in some sort of old beat up flying machine which managed to stay in the air for the time required of it.

While gathering information from Howard for the piece on his museum he mentioned that it would be a good idea if members of the Can-Am Region considered attending some of the

regional car shows. This would give us the opportunity to get together and show our cars to the public without incurring the time and expense of arranging our own meet. We only need to register for the meet then show up with smiles on our faces. I think this is a good idea and I will be taking my car to some of the local meets, schedule and weather permitting. Is anyone else interested? If so, let one of the events people know. I am sure Howard sat down after our chat and has now put together a list of events that we should considering attending, right Howard?

Christopher M^cAviney

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENTS

Date	Type	Description	Location
July 17 th	Tour	Kananaskis Loop – Brunch	Kananaskis Country Alberta
July 26 th – 30 th	National	RROC Annual Meet	Greenwich Connecticut
August TBA	Social	Luncheon – hosted by Bernice & Maurice Tims	Calgary, ALberta
September 17 th – 23 rd	Tour	Pacific Northwest Fall Tour	B.C./ Washington
September 18 th	Social	Brunch – Palliser Hotel	Calgary, Alberta
October 22 nd	Social	Dinner – The Broken Plate	Calgary, Alberta
November TBA	Meeting	Annual Business Meeting	TBA
December TBA	Social	Regional Christmas Party	TBA

RELATED EVENTS

July 16 th – 17 th	Tour	Reynolds Auto Museum Salute to Aviation	Wetaskewin, Alberta
September 10 th	Meet	2005 European Classic Car & Vintage Motorcycle Meet	Calgary, Alberta
September 17 th	Tour	16 th Annual Classic Car Show	Radium, B.C.
September 25 th	Tour	APAC 101 Mile Rally	Calgary & area

For more information on any of the above RROC Regional Events, please contact either:
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Technical Seminar with Ralph Curzons



The gentle art of Rolls Royce mechanics
George Pope, Ralph Curzon and John Doyle

Again, thank you to Kathy and John Doyle for hosting this year's Technical Seminar. The workshop, although more accustomed to heavy equipment was well suited for our purposes. This two day event was well attended with nine cars and 18 members in attendance. The seminar focused on suspension systems on both modern and early cars. Ralph went over the suspension system of each car and pointed out the differences between the various models, explained the correct functioning and made necessary adjustments to the cars where required. He makes it appear quite simple which it is not. I know that a few of the members attending went home feeling much better about their cars.

Being the caretaker of a 1935 20/25 LWB Barker four light saloon, GCJ17, I personally found it interesting to be able to take a close look at the modern cars.



Now where does that piece go again?
Ralph Curzon, Francis Chan and Rob Manderson

Members came from as far as Great Falls, Montana (Thomas Foster), and Regina, Saskatchewan (Edwin Williamson). There were nine proper motor cars in attendance as follows:

- 1986 Silver Spirit, NAG14941
- 1985 Silver Spirit, SAF12987
- 1980 Silver Wraith II LWB Saloon, LRL41619C
- 1978 Silver Shadow II Saloon, SRG34168
- 1978 Silver Wraith II LWB Saloon LRG34602
- 1975 Silver Shadow LWB Formal Saloon, LRD21725
- 1956 Bentley S1 Saloon, B187LBC
- 1954 Silver Dawn, LSRH8
- 1930 Phantom II Park Ward Limousine, 67GN

- Edwin Williamson
- Kathy and John Doyle
- Francis & Winnie Chan
- Luba and Michael Bell
- Donna and George Pope
- Howard Lengert
- Donna and George Pope
- Bernice and Maurice Tims
- Robert Manderson

Edwin Williamson's Silver Spirit is a little unusual. He advises me that it was originally ordered by a Japanese company for export to Japan for use by one of the company's American executives but that halfway through the build it was diverted to the U.S. market at which time it was changed to a left hand drive. The car, however, kept all of the differences that one normally would find on a Japanese market car. Examples being the Rolls-Royce badge just behind the rear door, the warning light panel on the dashboard, the layout of the panel that contains the seatbelt warning and hazard flasher indicator, the markings under the fuel door, the leather headliner and the full length exhaust system heat shields. There were a number of other differences mentioned that I now forget. What I do remember is the device attached just below the grille that, when it detects a laser impulse (I assume from a police laser gun it sends back a pulse of some kind that causes the police laser gun to give an error message – I guess that is legal in the wilds of Saskatchewan). Edwin, the differences on your car would make for an interesting article, you have the knowledge, I have the photographs?

As Rob Manderson indicates above, Ralph would be happy to come back in August-September to work on member's cars. If anyone would like to follow up on this they should contact Ralph directly as soon as possible.

I have included photographs of all of the cars and some of the participants. If I have incorrectly identified your car please let me know.



Full length heat shield on NAG-14941



c-pillar badge on NAG-14941



Above: The last supper



Below: The peanut gallery



NAG14941 1986 Silver Spirit

Owner: Edwin Williamson



SAF-12987 1985 Silver Spirit saloon

Owners: Kathy and John Doyle



LRL41619C 1980 Silver Wraith II LWB Saloon

Owners: Francis and Winnie Chan



SRG34168 1978 Silver Shadow II Saloon

Owners: Luba and Michael Bell



LRG34602 1978 Silver Wraith II LWB Saloon

Owners: Donna and George Pope



LRD21725 1975 Silver Shadow LWB saloon

Owner: Howard Lengert



B187LBC 1956 Bentley S1 Saloon

Owners: Donna and George Pope



LSRH8 1954 Silver Dawn

Owners: Bernice and Maurice Tims



67GN 1930 Phantom II Park Ward Limousine

Owner: Robert Manderson

Howard's Garage (Hooper Place)

We all know Howard Lengert and his collection of proper motor cars, 14 in all, ranging from a 1923 Springfield Silver Ghost Holbrook Towncar, 57JH to a 1975 Silver Shadow Long Wheel Formal Sedan, LRD21725. Howard has these cars stored in an assortment of garages and outbuildings on his property just outside of Leduc, Alberta.

At this point I need to introduce you to the Leduc West Antique Society which was formed in 1990 to collect, restore, maintain, display and demonstrate artifacts, including buildings, which were used by the pioneers of Alberta so that present and future generations may have an opportunity to see these artifacts at the Alberta Heritage Exposition Park.

The society consists of approximately 400 members from Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and United States. It receives funding from a variety of organizations, as well as private donations and is a non-profit organization registered with Revenue Canada so contributions may be used for income tax purposes.

In 1992 the Society purchased 80 acres of land west of Leduc and established the Alberta Heritage Exposition Park. It seemed more like a trackless swamp when they held their first show there in 1994, but everyone had a good time. The park developed rapidly after that, and continues to grow today, as historical buildings are moved onto the site and new buildings are constructed to house antique

equipment, displays and society activities. The park is located on Highway #39, 5 kilometers west of the City of Leduc, Alberta.

Some time in the past Howard felt that he needed a more appropriate facility for the storage of his collection when the time comes that he is unable to or not allowed to drive his cars. As a member, and past President, of the Leduc West Antique Society, Howard embarked on the construction of a facility modeled on the original Hooper Coachbuilder's Ltd., building originally located at 54 St. James Street London.

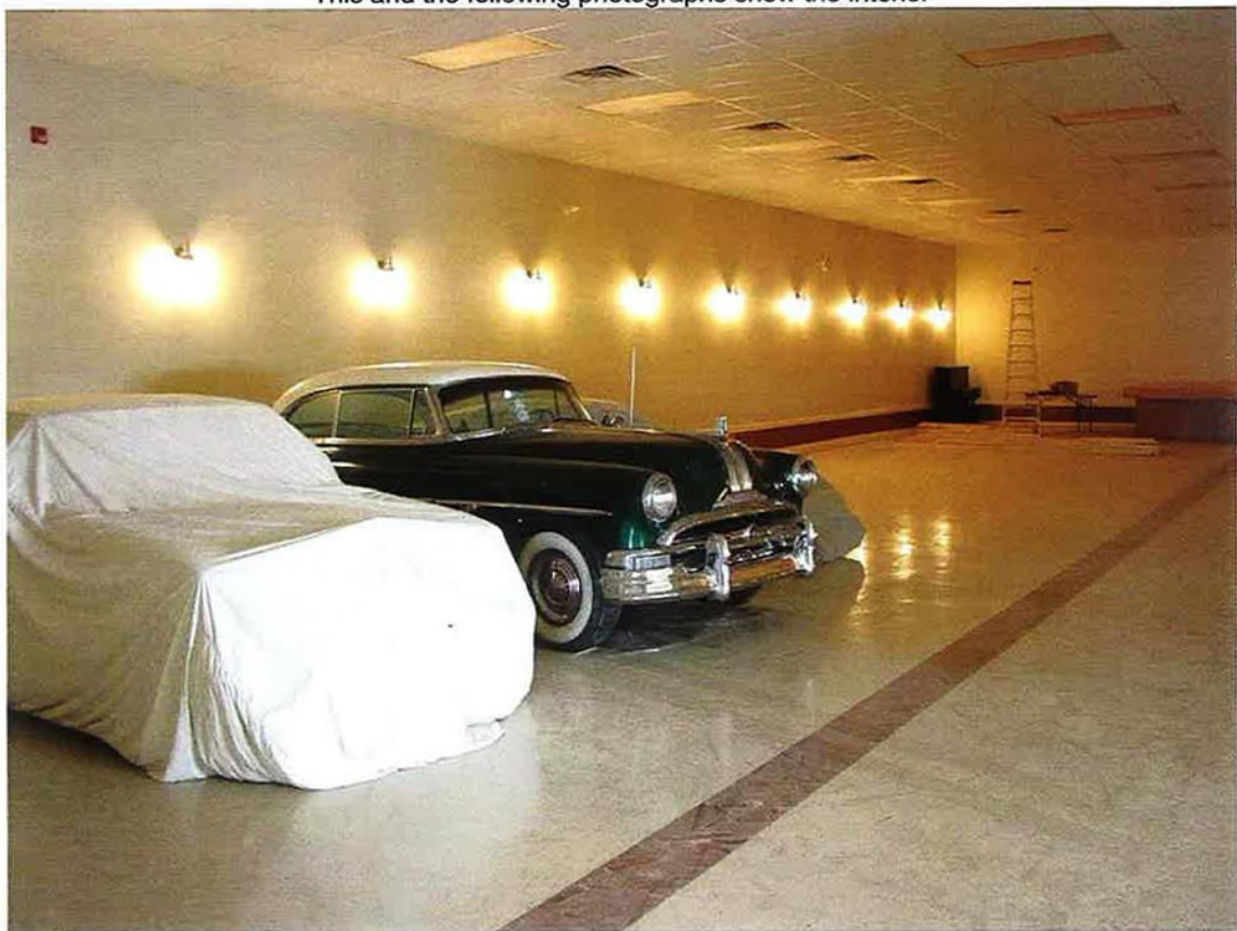
Howard has named the facility "Hooper Place" and although the recent increases in liability insurance costs have caused some problems it is now available for rental as an events facility. It has a seating capacity of 250 (that is of course when there are no cars installed) and is constructed with modern in-slab hot water heating, forced air ventilation systems, not to mention the completely modern humidity control. Included are modern washrooms and kitchen facilities. The exterior of the building is completed, as is the landscaping, and there are some minor interior finishing touches to be completed which Howard tells me will be done in a couple of weeks of this writing.

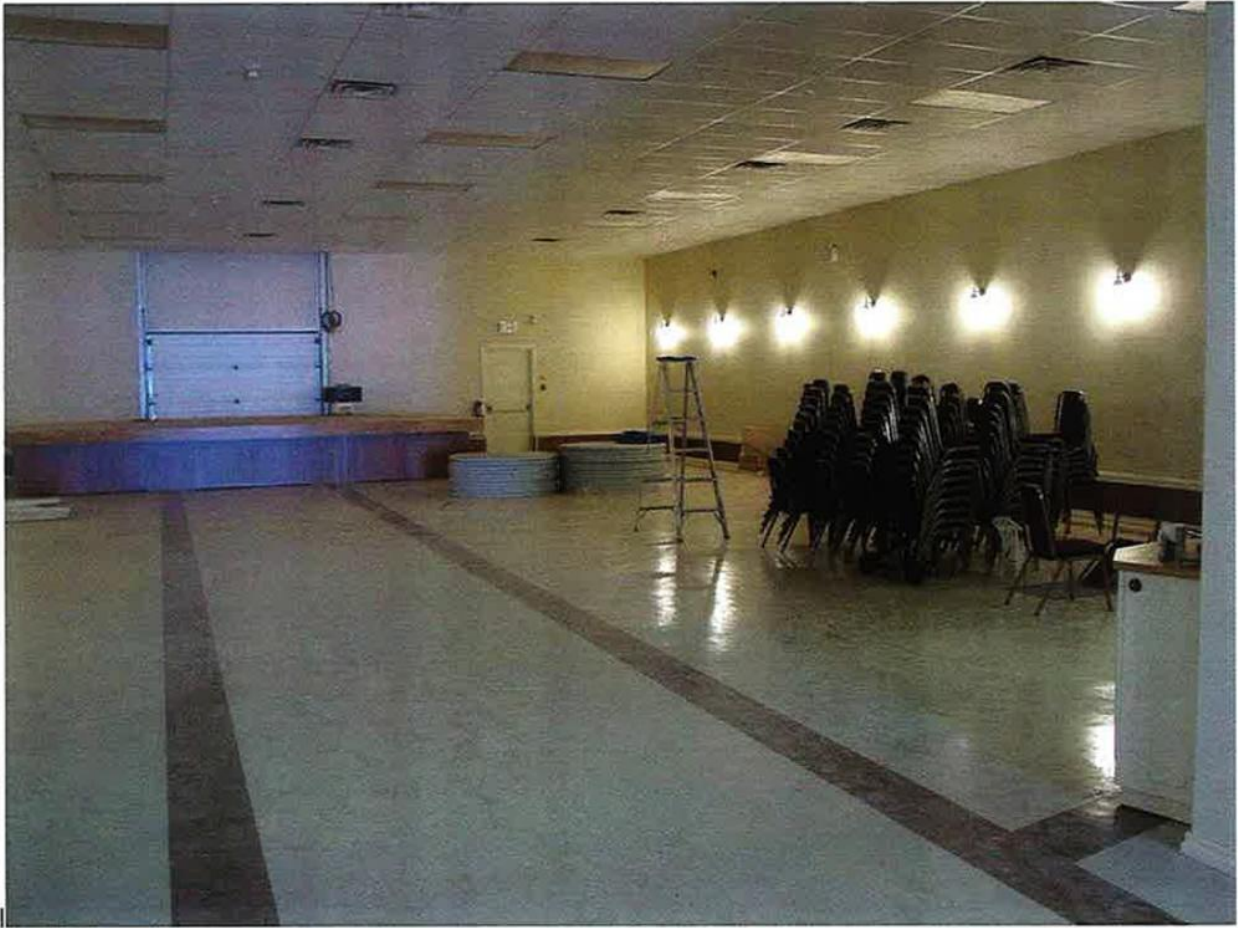
I visited the building last year before taking on the role of editor of the The Prairie Lady so the photographs included here were taken without the intention of publishing and do not do the building justice. There is a large reception area at the front of the building that resembles a car showroom and Howard has parked his very nice 1935 20/25 Freestone & Webb Saloon, GHG30, just inside the front door. The display area that takes up the rear three quarters of the building has a large movable stage that hides a large overhead door for use in moving vehicles in and out of the display area.





This and the following photographs show the interior





FOR SALE

3 off - Part # UE44052, air filters; 4 off – oil filters for V8 RR engines; 1 off – case of Castrol Brake Fluid RH#363; 1 off – set of shop manuals from 1955 to 1989 (missing 1980 to 1984). The lot - \$3000.00. Contact: Reg Collings

If you wish to advertise items for sale please contact Christopher M^cAviney. Advertisements for cars should include the serial number and price. Photographs can be included if supplied in digital JPEG format.

Your editor needs ideas and or written articles in The Prairie Lady, how about helping out?



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