



The British Columbia Hot Rod Association is an organization formed in 1957 by young men and women interested in unifying the rapidly increasing number of hot rod enthusiasts.

Their aim was to promote the safe construction and use of motor vehicles with strict adherence to the governing laws and regulations.

One of the goals of the BCHRA is to support a worthwhile non-profit organization that performs needed services within our community. As a result the BCHRA has elected to support the *Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association* (VTEA). The VTEA offers a therapeutic horseback riding program for children and adults with any form of physical and/or mental disabilities. Using "hippotherapy" (which means "treatment with a horse"), specially trained physical and occupational therapists treat children with spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and autism. The horse's movement provides the child with variable, yet repetitive, movement patterns which are very similar to that of a human walk. Treatment results in improved posture, balance, mobility and muscle function and gives the children an experience they remember for a lifetime.

The BCHRA is again holding our annual auction in December and is asking for your support with donations of canned goods or items that can be used for auction purposes. Last year we raised over \$9,000.00 through support of our membership with items provided by retailers throughout the province. Every penny raised at our event goes towards the VTEA.

Members of our association are hitting the streets again this year looking for your support towards this worthy cause. Anything that you can contribute towards this event will be very much appreciated with the proceedings being used to enhance the lives of many less fortunate.

Harold Swift  
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