HIGHWAYMEN CAR CLUB

In the early 1960's six young high school friends from Kitchener looked up to the older members in the area car clubs but they couldn't join – too young! So they formed their own club, and the Highwaymen Car Club was born.

In those days, hot rodders still didn't have a very good reputation in the eyes of the public so one of the first things the guys did was to create a roadside assistance program for the public, and they handed out courtesy cards to promote the club.

They eventually renovated an old church into a spectacular clubhouse, with a kitchen, pool table, room for tools, a wash bay, a hoist and room for nine of the club members' vehicles.

Over time as the club grew in size, they established themselves as a community-based, non-profit organization. They held club dances, rallies and cruise nights and an annual car show called Graffiti Car Show to raise funds that were donated to charities, over $48,000 to date.

The club donated to the Kitchener Waterloo Access Ability organization and they maintain the organization's bus and provides drivers as well. The club put on the Canadian Street Rod Nationals (CANATS) in 1987 and for 25 years a member has organized the "Cruising on King" that sees the main street in Kitchener shut down for a huge car show.

The club attends shows, cruise nights and national events in Canada and in the US, and they spread the word on the benefits of street rodding at car shows near and afar

The club's members have accumulated many awards for their rides, right up to a Ridler award by member Mal Kieswetter.

The club believes that by supporting local charities they can generate a positive attitude within the community towards street rodders. For many years they have supported and promoted street rodding by providing a family environment for their members so that the hobby will be preserved for future generations.

That's exactly what the Canadian Street Rodding Hall of Fame is all about. Welcome Highwaymen Car Club to our alumni, and congratulations.