



Staff photo by Gerry Kahrman
Buddy Breeze is gearing up for a sock hop benefit Nov. 22.

He'd rather haul trash

Buddy Breeze doesn't give a curse that some people think he's a space cadet.

There are grounds for saying he's eccentric. For one thing, he would rather be driving a garbage truck than taking it easy at Breeze Record Rentals where he is a 50-50 partner with Rob Brownridge.

Two years ago, Rob said "ciao baby" to North Van after he went broke at Rave Records on Lonsdale. Now, these Cheech and Chong buddies are doing okay in record rental and sales on Denman Street in the West End.

Rob runs the store. Buddy stays away out of sniffing range when he's working as a trucker for Dogwood Disposal.

Sure, he looks cool in a denim jacket and jeans with his hair dyed a cranberry shade in front. But after a haul to the dump, Buddy tends to be somewhat odiferous on the downwind side. Flies buzz around him in hot weather.

But he likes being a garbage man. He doesn't have to toady to anybody. A 20-tonne garbage rig can be inspirational such as the summery afternoon he opened the truck windows to get relief from the stink.

He was revelling in the fresh breeze. Breeze! A word to be reckoned with. There and then, he changed his name from Boyd to Breeze.

But that is yesterday's news. Now, he wants everybody clued in about the benefit next week for wheelchair jock Rick Hansen's Man in Motion junket around the world.

Breeze is calling it the Man in Motion Commotion — a bit of rhyme also conceived while



wheeling along in the garbage truck.

The benefit has been such an obsession that Buddy took several days off at Dogwood Disposal.

"It costs me \$130 a day in wages," says Buddy. "But I don't mind cruising on a half-empty tank to do my bit for Rick Hansen."

The Man in Motion Commotion will be a 1960s sock hop (Bill Haley and the Comets, Big Bopper etc. etc.). Time, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Nov. 22. Tickets, at \$5 a pop, are available at 687-5200 or 689-5027.

For the grooviest 1960s costume, Breeze has rustled up some nifty prizes. He guarantees that none of them come from the dump, also that every dime from ticket sales will go to the Rick Hansen's fund raiser for spinal chord research.

The persuasive Buddy Breeze has conned and cajoled the ticket and poster printers and 20 other companies to come up with freebies for the sock hop.

Even the proprietors of the cultural centre won't be sending a bill for the hall rental. He arranged that by offering a freebie they couldn't refuse.

That's right. There'll be no charge when Buddy Breeze drives in with his truck to load up the garbage after the sock hop.