



“On the road again..Just can’t wait to get on the road again.” Willie Nelson

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to a new year of fun and friendship with the Northwest PT Cruisers. I feel confident that we are going to have a good year because of your outstanding level of participation and generosity when it comes to pitching in. You have all received the proposed calendar of events, which was approved at our meeting this month. Please keep posted on changes to this calendar, which will be posted on the website. The calendar still has room for suggestions and new ideas as the year progresses so feel free to be creative.



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## February Events

### GONZAGA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Terry and Debbie Hontz arranged to get \$2.00 tickets to the GU women's games. About a dozen Cruisers went to each game and we had a lot of fun. The MAC is really an awesome facility. On both weekends we were welcomed as a club over the loudspeaker so it was another opportunity to get our name out there. Thanks, Terry and Debbie for arranging these fun-filled events.

### SHOW NO SHINE – FEBRUARY 21ST

There aren't many words to describe this event! If you did not remember the 60's, this was a chance to re-live it! The Inland Northwest Car Club Council sponsored this dinner dance event at Templins in Post Falls. We had 16 members (two tables ) of Cruisers so we were well represented. We were invited to come as TV and movie characters from the 60's so our club brought Jed from the Beverly Hillbillies, Laverne, Bunny from American Bandstand, Edith Ann from Laugh-In, Carol Burnette as Scarlett O'Hara, and a couple of Hippies. Check out the pictures on the website – they speak louder than words. The food was good, the band was great, the costume contest was a riot, and five of our members came away with door and raffle prizes. Our club had a slide show presentation as well. CDs of this slide show are available for purchase for \$6. Michael ordered 25 of them so first come first serve. They show many of this year's events so you can share with your friends what we do. Next year the Show No Shine will be at Northern Quest Casino so start planning now.

## The February Meeting

The February meeting was packed with info and fun. The meeting opened with an “educational” presentation by the officers and Betty and Phil. This presentation encapsulated what it means to be a member of the Northwest Cruisers. The laughter from the members was so constant that it was apparent they could connect to the content (and wonder how the presenters could make such fools of themselves!) Some suggestions were made that this presentation should go to YouTube and to Chrysler but I think it will remain a memory!

Members shared winter stories and Deb Crowder sent a note letting us know that she was able to purchase 10 robes and two pair of slippers with our Christmas donation to

the Safe House. Betty Barber also donated about six pair of slippers so we made Christmas morning a little brighter for some women who have a tough road ahead of them. Thank you.

Donna reported that Spokane Chrysler was not able to sponsor us as a club at this time. Tom is going to see if he can speak with them because of his long relationship with them to see if that can change. In the meantime we have no sponsor gifts to raffle off at the meetings. If you have any other ideas about sponsorship, please talk to one of the officers.

Michael gave a report of the Show-No-Shine and handed out the Inland Northwest Car Club Council Calendars for the coming year. You remember that two of our members, the Schoenbergs and John Spurgin have pictures of their cars featured in this calendar. If you did not get a calendar, pick one up at the next meeting or see Michael.

Michael is also taking orders for the CD that was made for the Show-No-Shine as mentioned above. These are \$6.00.

Donna presented the proposed calendar of events for 2009. The suggestions on the calendar came from club members. There is a car events, meeting, and social for most of the months. You can still suggest events as the year progresses. We will be having the Anniversary Cruise in August this year as we are going to Glacier Park and want to enjoy this in the summer months. The only activity scheduled with other PTs is the Yaki-Vegas Cruise as all the other PT events are on the West Coast and far for us to travel to on just a weekend. Please check the website for updates to the calendar.

Terry let us know that the new roster will be coming out this month, giving a chance for people to renew their membership if they have not done so. We have some new members: David Foss who came to the meeting on Wednesday and seemed to enjoy it. He has a white convertible, 2005.

David and Joanna Brown will be joining us this month as well. Some of you met them at the ice cream social last summer. Also Jerry and Sue Smith are becoming associate members (yeah!) and Betty and Colleen said that their sisters would like to be associates as well since they come to a lot of events. Associates have all the privileges of membership except the ability to vote.

New business cards were printed with the new website address on them. Please discard any old ones that you have as the old website is no longer accessible. The new cards are in color and are attractive. Please make sure you get some to hand out to those nice cruisers you spot around town. Donna will have them with her at all events should you run out.

Rocky Gibb has done such a fine job on the new website. At the meeting he walked us through it and explained his choices for layout and pages. This was very informative. We all expressed appreciation to Rocky for stepping up like this and putting so much work on the website. He is now in the process of adding an inquiry page and membership on-line form. Be sure to check the website after each event as there will be new pictures up each time. We do not have pictures of everyone and their cars and this will be a project for the year. Rocky suggests that we get pictures of our cars in interesting places to beef up the quality of our pictures. Notice the wall paper that Rocky made out of Rico's car on the website....

Lastly, Terry gave the treasurer's report and we had the raffle, which brought in \$77. Matt won the raffle with a prize of \$20.00 \$20.00 was given to the Safe House and the rest went into the club treasury.

## Upcoming Events

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>- 50'S NIGHT AT HOGANS ON THE SOUTH HILL- 7 PM**

If you haven't been to Hogan's you are missing something. Their burgers and fries are the best! They have expanded now and have a new room with fun 50's décor. This will be a social gathering – no meeting. We will have food, some contests, and you can dress up like James Dean or wear your poodle skirt if so moved. Bring your PT so we can get these great cars out into the community.

### **NEXT MEETING – MARCH 25TH – 7PM EXIT REALTY**

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