

**NORTHWEST CRUISERS
SPOKANE AREA PT CRUISER CLUB**
Winter 2008 Newsletter



Christmas Fun

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a Winter we have had!!! Do any of you have any PT snow stories? Hopefully most of our PTs have been in the garage but there are some out there that are taking on the ice and snow. Stay safe!

This newsletter will recap information from November and December and look ahead at the coming months. In this Winter break the officers are working on setting up the calendar for 2009, securing membership fees, working with Rocky to choose pictures for the 2008 disk, which will be for sale, and looking at how to set up the website. It won't be long before we're running full steam ahead. Thank you all for your tremendous spirit and participation last year. You make the club successful and we should have a lot of fun in 2009.

The November Meeting

Minutes by Terry Hontz

Chris Hall and Jackie Witham, representing the Inland Car Club Council (INCC) discussed the Show-No-Shine event scheduled for February 21, 2009, 5:30pm at the Red Lion Templins facility in Post Falls, ID. Tickets are \$30.00 each for a social hour, dinner, music and dancing to follow. Also tickets were sold for a drawing to have pictures of your vehicle printed in the INCC calendar of events for 2009. (The Schoenbergs and John Spurgin were both drawn as winners and will be featured in the calendar!!! Congratulations and thank you for representing the PTs.)

Vice President Mike Peart discussed a CD to be made by Will Murray which will include up to 50 pictures of our PT Cruisers and past events. The CD will be set to music, will be shown at the Show-No-Shine and will be for sale to individuals for \$6.00.

Letters were read from Rich and Joan Ramirez who said they were enjoying themselves wintering in Arizona; Ann Stevens filling us in on her new home in Texas and from Debbie Crowder who was in Florida but reminded everyone she would be collecting donated robes, scarves, gloves and wrapping paper for the Safe House in the Cafaro's Christmas party.

Judy Flemmer mentioned a Technology pack raffle sponsored by Exit Realty. Only 400 tickets will be sold at \$10 each or three for \$25.00. The prize pack includes a Toshiba Satellite Laptop computer, HP Printer, digital camera and more.

President Donna Madej acknowledged those members who have attended the most events during 2008 and presented each of them with a small token or our appreciation.

Next up we reviewed the results of the recent questionnaire recently filled out by members. In the meetings section of the survey Donna noted any event featuring food was well attended! The least popular event was the Round Table pizza meeting,

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primarily because we didn't have our own room. The Manito Park meeting and potlucks at various members' homes are very popular. Mike Peart noted the popularity of the YakiVegas event and the best attended event, the Spokane Chrysler show and shine. The downtown Riverside Ave. evening car show was also well attended and very popular. In the Social event category Debbie Hontz noted the popularity of the ice cream runs, Laser tag and the Wallace, ID trip. In the service event category the Guild School penny drive and the Safe House donation drives proved to be popular. Related to the Safe House was a discussion regarding a possible change of charity for the upcoming year and possibly beyond? After some discussion it was unanimously voted to continue with the Safe House as our charity of choice. It was felt many charities have enormous resources, funding and publicity while the Safe House remains somewhat under the radar.

At the conclusion of the meeting the winners of the 50/50 raffle drawing were Katherine Oien and Terry Hontz.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a wonderful time we had at the Christmas party this year on December 13th at Ron and Barb Cafaro's! First of all we managed to escape the threat of a winter storm as had been predicted and so the attendance was great. The 50,000 lights in and about the Cafaro home did not disappoint. And inside there was a wonderland of Santas, trees and so many Christmas decorations that it was hard to take them all in!



Of course the food was beautiful:



AND delicious AND plentiful!

We had food drinks and conversation for about an hour and a half and then it was time for a lovely dinner prepared by Barb and Ron followed by a gift exchange.



This year we had to pick someone's name and give them the present we brought to the party. When we gave the gift we had to say a little something we remembered about the person. The stories that were told were endearing and funny and with added comments we laughed and smiled until our grin muscles hurt. What a good time.

An extra to the night was the celebration of birthdays. Lesa brought a cake to celebrate Michael's 60th and we found out that Colleen and Catherine had December birthdays as well so we sang to all of them.

We also had a raffle of the Chrysler emergency kit donated by Ron Cafaro. Donna won this great prize.

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Tom Eickmeyer announced that Cheri Knobler was the new president of the Mustang Club and that he was vice-president and Catherine was the secretary. Jon remains the jester. Congratulations to all of them and we know they will bring so much life to the Mustangers as they did for us in their leadership. They assured us they would be participating in the Northwest Cruisers but would have to divide their time up more. I am proud that there is another Madam President among us!!

Finally, the club presented a glass engraved clock to the Cafaros as a gift for all they did for us this Christmas. This party was so relaxing and the home atmosphere made it so. Thanks again Ron and Barb.

MEMBERSHIP TIME

Terry sent a reminder out about the renewal of membership dues. Before January 1st the dues were \$25.00. Now they are \$30.00 per year for regular membership and \$5.00 more for new members to help cover the cost of their name badges and decals.

We gained Ken and Sandy Leight as new members at the Christmas party. Also Judy Hansen ran into Dave and Joanna Brown who we met at one ice cream run this summer. Their e-mail address did not work in the summer and I had no phone for them and so Judy got all the info from them again when she asked them about joining the club. They are going to be joining.

We are sad that we will be losing Amy Bremner as a member. Her brother was hurt in a car accident in Seattle and she has been there with him.

Next Meeting

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, February 25th at 7 PM at Exit Realty. We will be discussing the new calendar and you will be receiving it to review before that date. Please try to come.

SHOW-NO-SHINE

The Inland Car Club Council is sponsoring a Show-No-Shine event on February 21, 2009 at the Red Lion Templins in Post Falls Idaho. The idea of it is to get together in the winter and not have to shine up your car. There will also be awards for those who were nominated by the Council for outstanding participation. The theme is Groovin 1960 and people can come dressed as 1960 TV and Movie characters (not required). There will be a happy hour at 5:30 followed by dinner of chicken, green salad, fruit salad, pasta salad, cheesy au gratin potatoes, baked beans, coffee, iced tea and dessert. During dinner there will be club videos. We are presenting one with 50 pictures of our club activities. There will be a dance band and door prizes. The tickets are \$30.00 each. So far I have 14 people signed up and so we will get two tables reserved for our club (8 per table). If there are more that want to go, please let me know by January 15th so we can reserve another table if necessary. We are paying for the tables and then you pay Northwest Cruisers the \$30.00. If you want to stay overnight at the hotel, there is a special room rate of \$69.00.

BE KIND TO YOUR WEB FOOTED FRIENDS.....

Now that Amy is gone Rocky Gibbs has GENEROUSLY volunteered to be our new webmaster! That is such a relief as we need to get the new one up by mid February as we cannot use the old one at all at present. The new address will be www.northwestcruisers.net

We will need help in getting content together for this website and we will be looking for volunteers to help write up the sections like our history, the calendar, members' focus etc. Be thinking of what you would like to contribute. Remember that burdens are lightened when shared by many!