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Apologies

First of all, I want to apologize for neglecting the newsletter during the summer months. Between the River Rendezvous, my computer crashing, and some bouts with back issues, I have not gotten an issue out since June. So this issue will have some summaries of the events and news from the summer as well as current news.

Let's congratulate ourselves for a full summer of fun and thank the members who put hard work into planning. Most of these events are on the website www.northwestcruisers.org under past event photos.

JULY EVENTS

July 10th – Mystery Cruise to East Pend Oreille Lake

July 15th – INCCC Downtown Car Show

July 28th -Club meeting at Sonic.

AUGUST EVENTS

August 15th - Club anniversary breakfast at Perkins downtown followed by a cruise to Priest Lake to Howard and Elaine Zichler's cabin.

Aug 19th – Ice Cream Run

August 22nd – Camero Car Show at Mirabeau Park

August 25th - Club meeting at Sonic

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 2nd – Ice Cream Run

Sept. 8th- Basket Making party at Elaine's house to prepare door prizes for the River Rendezvous

Sept. 10th-12th – 2010 River Rendezvous. See description of the event under NEWS on the website and check out the pictures under past photos.

Sept 19th - INCCC Just Park it Tour

September 25th - Pot luck meeting at Dick and Joan Ramirez' in Loon Lake

OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct. 27th - Club meeting at Lilac Lane

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## Minutes from the October Meeting

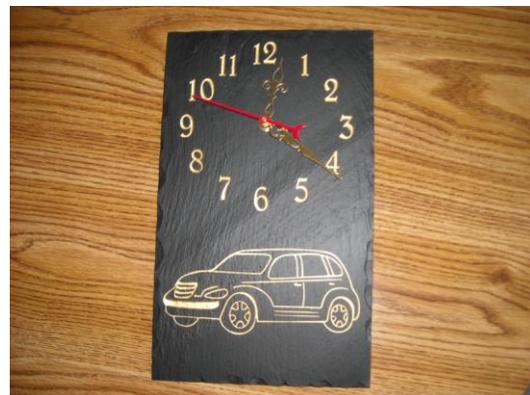
Cruiser minutes for October 2010  
Submitted by Terry Hontz

The October meeting of the Northwest Cruisers took place in the meeting room at Lilac Lanes. Because of a new work assignment and days worked the first half the meeting was hosted by Secretary/Treasurer Terry Hontz. First up was a presentation by **Debbie and Ken, representatives of the Inland Northwest Car Club Council**. The subject of the presentation was the **INCCC ShowNoShine** to be held on February 19, 2011. The theme of this year's event is "Old Chicago". Tickets prices are \$35.00 per person, which includes a buffet dinner. There will be a no host bar and the music will be provided by a favorite from last year, "Sharkey and the Fins". If you were unable to attend the meeting there will be flyers available at the next Northwest Cruiser's meeting. On the reverse side of the flyer is a nomination form for INCCC woman, man, couple and business of the year. There may well be someone from our organization whom you feel should be nominated, considering the number of members who put in many hours associated with this years River Rendezvous. It was also stated the ShowNoShine folks would like a **story board** or a board containing pictures of the various events each club participated in and/or hosted during 2010. Considering the many and varied activities we undertook this past year there should be lots of pictures for a board.

Donna noted the passing of the son/stepson of Ron and Barb Cafaro. Club members will be calling Barb and

Ron in the coming weeks and months to see if we can be of any assistance to them.

Terry noted the presentation of checks to the Idaho Youth Ranch and the YWCA Safe House. Each of these organizations received a check in the amount of \$700.00, the proceeds of River Rendezvous 2010. Also in the coming months there will be club raffle, the prize being a slate clock with a PT Cruiser engraved. The proceeds of this raffle will go to the Safe House. The clock was donated by the sister and father of Terry Hontz, who had visited Spokane this summer, attended our potluck at the Allings.



This clock is beautiful with the gold trim on the black slate.

Pam Stotts gave a review of the recent tour around Lake Coeur d'Alene. Primarily it was an update on the injuries sustained by Michael and Pam who fell on some steps in Harrison, which resulted in painful, but fortunately not serious injury. Other than that, things went well and the weather was mostly cooperative.

Next was a brief discussion regarding moving the day of the week future meeting will be held. As noted earlier,

Michael is now working a new shift and in a new location, the Emergency Room of Sacred Heart Hospital. The end result, because he is unable to leave work prior to 7pm, Wednesday's don't fit his schedule well. It was agreed the next meeting will be moved to **Monday, November 15, 2010 at Lilac Lanes.** Dinner is available from the menu and it is suggested if you intend to eat there, you should arrive around 6pm for a 7pm meeting. Meeting locations and times for 2011 will be discussed at future meetings. Also to be discussed is the calendar of events for 2011, all suggestions welcome.

Because of recent events in the Cafaro's lives, they will be unable to host a Christmas potluck. Rocky Gibbs graciously offered his home for a tentative date of Dec. 11, 2010. Time and confirmation of the date will be discussed at the next meeting.

Post meeting raffle winners included Phil Evans: Sonic hamburger certificate and the gas card. Sandy Leight: Sonic hamburger certificate and a Midway Chrysler oil change. New member Jim Weidemann: Sonic hamburger certificate and Donna Madej: raffle money.

Thank you to Doug and Elizabeth for inviting the club to their Halloween party on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Welcome New Members

At the October Meeting Terry introduced new members Dori Wilson and Jim Weidemann, who recently moved back to Spokane after living north of Las Vegas. Dori noted she became aware of our organization via our website. Welcome Dori and Jim.

## Other Member News

Barb Cafaro underwent a back fusion surgery on October, 29<sup>th</sup>, two days after her son's funeral. Her recovery time will be about twelve weeks but she is slowly recovering. She appreciates your support and cards.

John Nichols wants folks to know that he has not been able to attend all the events he wants to because of a series of cancer treatments he is having. I believe that he has six more months of treatments to go but feels encouraged with their effectiveness. We wish you well John.

Penny Marsh lost her mother around the time of the River Rendezvous. We appreciate that John and Penny came to so much of the event in spite of their hardships.

Pam Stotts had to have emergent open-heart bypass surgery on Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. She is doing really well. Her recovery will be a few months long as well. Rocky will still host the Christmas Party but I told him to let club members help if needed since Pam will be out of commission for a while.

Donna had back surgery three weeks ago and is doing well. She started back to work half days this week and thanks you for good wishes.

Sue Enzler will not be coming to club events as her job changed and she cannot get off now. She brought a raffle prize for the River Rendezvous even though she could not attend. She is welcome to all events. John and Megan Mulvany had to drop out for reasons of health. We will miss them.

Colleen Warn celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this past month. I misplaced her AZ address. If anyone has it, please send it out. We have her permission.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Note the change of day. 7PM Lilac Lanes.** Prepare to discuss events for next year and Christmas. There will be a guest presenter from Lighthouse for the Blind.

