

**NORTHWEST CRUISERS**  
**SPOKANE AREA PT CRUISER CLUB**  
*August-September 2009 Newsletter*



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## What a Ride!

August was full of activities! We began with a trip to **Silver Mountain** arranged by Terry and Debbie Hontz. We rode the gondola, toured the water park and had a nice lunch in some beautiful country. Next we had 13 cars in the **Camero Club Car Show** in Mirabeau Park. We had the most cars of any classification there. See prize winners listed later in the newsletter. Next came the **meeting in Manito Park**. The club was divided in the beginning but we managed to pull together (Donna told people to meet on the West end of the park on Tekoa, which is really on the East end so we were sitting on opposite sides of the park!)

We ended the month with a nice **anniversary celebration** starting with a breakfast at Perkins on Saturday morning followed by a delightful cruise to **Glacier Park** (see the website pictures). The seventeen people who went all fit in one tour bus. I know some people went to the **Fairchild car show** but I have not heard how that went. Come to the next meeting to find out!



Breakfast at Perkins

## New Members New Members

You may have noticed some new faces in the pictures. We have some very fun people just joining our club. **Molly Thorpe** came to our July Meeting and is very enthusiastic. She has a 2001 green Touring PT she named Gertrude! **Alice and Gary Patterson** joined us for the August meeting and trip to Glacier. They are so delightful and fit right in like they had known us all their lives. They have a cream colored cruiser with some new detail on it. John Nichols brought a friend, **Pam** (I'm sorry I did not get the last name) to the Camaro show and to the Glacier cruise. She is so nice and full of fun and seemed to fit our group like a glove too. How lucky we are to have these new folks take an interest in our club.

## Support Our Sponsors

Every month we have fifty dollars worth of goods donated to us by our sponsors, **Sonic Hamburgers** and **Cenex/Zip Trip** gas stations. Don't forget to patronize them and keep track of your purchases on the logs.

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## Inter-Club Car Council

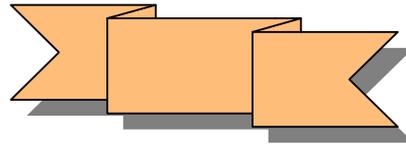
Michael Peart, our vice-president and liaison to the Inland Northwest Car Club Council reported on the council's response to our participation this summer. They were thrilled that we had so many cars at the **Downtown Car show** and at the **Camaro show**. We are really showing a good presence at these events with other clubs. The next event is the **Just Park It Tour On Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**. It is a full day event of cruising progressively to different park and recreation areas. We expect about a hundred cars or more to participate and so we hope to have a good representation there. So far the sign up at the meeting was small so please consider getting out before the summer ends with this fun event. Michael also let us know that the **Show-No-Shine** event for next February has been moved to the Spokane Doubletree this time. Please save up your money (\$30) for the dinner and fun evening as we go to "The Prom!"

## We Are Becoming Famous

We have had some interesting correspondence lately. We received a note from a newly formed PT Club in Reno who wanted to put us on their website and have us put their site on ours.

Even more interestingly, David Brown started corresponding with a PT Club in South Australia who are interested in becoming a sister club. There has been correspondence and a couple of their members are coming over in October and want to meet with us. That should be fun. David passed around their newsletters and pictures at the August meeting. Their activities look surprisingly like ours but their steering wheels are on the right! Check out their website under "Links" on ours. Go Aussies!

And speaking of Inter-club events with the PT clubs, we have selected a planning committee for the event to be held at Templins next year sponsored by our club. The Committee Members are Howard and Elaine Zickler, Rico and Patty Rodriguez, Lynda and Joe Schoenberg, Donna Madej, and Debbie Crowder. These people will be spearheading the planning but will be asking every member for help in bringing this event to fruition.



## Winners

**AWARDS:** Ken and Sandy Leight won four trophies at the PT Meet and Greet in Auburn in August including 3<sup>rd</sup> place Best of Show and farthest distance travelled. The Schoenburgs won first place PT at the Camaro show and MJ won second and Donna won third place. Betty got a bronze medal for softball at the National Senior Games.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Sandy and Ken won many many door prizes at the Auburn event. David Brown won a Chrysler Jacket at the Camaro Show and Joanna won a personalized quilt while Colleen won a nice picture.

**CLUB DRAWINGS:** In July, the cash prize was won by John Nichols and he generously donated it back to the Safe House. Phil won the gas card. Sonic meals were won by Marlene, Colleen, and Terry. Betty won a car duster and MJ won an auto squeegee.

In August David Brown won the cash prize, Gary Patterson won the gas card, Colleen and Phil won the Crazy G certificates and Gary, Joan, MJ and Lynda won the Sonic meals.

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## Nominating Committee

It is time to start nominating new officers for the 2010-2011 term. If you would like to be an officer or would like to recommend someone to be an officer for the Northwest Cruisers, a nominating committee will be taking names in October to present a slate for Election in November. Please consider this. It is one way to give back to this great community of friends and you get back so much from the experience.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed backpacks and school supplies to the Safe House. We collected 19 backpacks and bags at the meeting in August. Great Job!! Some people donated extra money to the can to buy more. Remember how exciting it was to get new school supplies? You brought a lot of joy to some children this month.

## Dash Plaques

Our Car Man, Michael, gave a reminder about dash plaques at the July meeting. Most of us have a bunch sitting in a drawer somewhere and they look much better displayed! Colleen did a nice job of displaying hers after this and I noticed that someone at the Camaro show had theirs displayed on the dash. How about dusting yours off? I put mine on a peg board for display now. We've been around – let's show it!

## September Events

**GRAZY G'S – Tuesday, September 8, 6PM** – The owners, Chris and Gary saw the PTs at Sonic and wondered how they could get them at their restaurant. They donated two gift certificates to our last meeting and so we are going to their place in return. Park facing Division. So far we have 18 cars and 34 members going!

**ARBOR CREST WINERY – “REVOLVER” THE BEATTLE TRIBUTE BAND – Sunday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Meet at 4 PM (TBA)**

This will be fun. David Brown's brother actually started the band but is no longer in it. Bring your own chairs and munchies. Wine must be purchased inside. \$5.00 admission fee for a relaxing night of friendship, music and dancing. So far 15+ people have signed up.

**JUST PARK IT TOUR – SUNDAY, SEPT 20<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM** – Described above in the newsletter. Details on where to meet will be forthcoming.

**MEMBER APPRECIATION MEETING AND MAKE YOUR OWN OMELETS AT THE RAMIREZ' – Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 11am**

Note that there will be no Wednesday meeting night this month. Directions to Richard and Joan's will be forthcoming. A sign up for this event will be coming out next week. The Ramirez' live on a lake and it is wonderful that they have so generously invited us once again to come to their place. Come and appreciate each other and the contributions made by members to the club.



Happy Anniversary 2009!