

Northwest Cruisers April/May 2010 Newsletter



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Minutes From April Meeting

Cruiser Minutes for April 2010

President Mike Peart opened the April 2010 meeting of the Northwest Cruisers PT Cruiser club by presenting an Outstanding Sponsor plaque to Dan Deharo, our host at the April meeting location, the Sonic Drive-In. Also to be presented is an additional sponsor plaque to be presented to Ian Johnston of the Cenex/Ziptrip, our other club sponsor.

Mike introduced guests, and at the end of the meeting, our newest members, Harold and Patty Parker. The Parkers found us by cruising the world wide web and coming across our club site. The Parkers have a 2001 Limited, white with purple striping, PT cruiser. Also introducing herself was Beth Weyer,

wife of Doug and owner of a cranberry Cruiser, which, as she noted, she would like to "bling up". The Weyers have been members for the past few months, but this is the first meeting attended by Beth. In other news Mike noted and passed out our new club business cards. The cards were photographed and designed and ordered by Rocky Gibbs.

Secretary Terry Hontz read the minutes from the March meeting. Mike reviewed the recent Guild School penny drive which was a success. This was our first year at our new location on Pines and Broadway and Mike noted one motorist donated a \$100 bill. Also Mike noted he made two trips back to the Guild school with numerous containers of coins. Thanks to all those Cruisers who helped to make this event a success. Next Mike showed a T-shirt from a past car club event which is similar in design to the T-shirt which will be for sale at the Northwest Cruisers River Rendezvous in September. Also noted were the donations of car care items and baskets which will be available at the September event. In addition, the club now has a recently purchased tent/canopy which will be in use for the first time at the upcoming Yaki-Vegas event scheduled for mid May. It is hoped the tent will become the focal point for the our organization at all future events, as it will be highly visible, in addition to providing shade and/or shelter from rainy weather.

Donna Madej provided an update on the organizing committees work on the agenda and activities for the River Rendezvous. She noted the NW Cruiser red hatters will be putting together a raffle basket. Also we need to have a firm list of event sponsors in six weeks as we will need that much lead time to order and procure the event trophies. It was requested members hold on to any coffee cans they may have as they will be used for basket

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raffle tickets. It was also noted sponsors, in addition to being listed on the event T-shirts, will be listed on our club website.

Mike discussed the upcoming Yaki-Vegas event at Selah, WA, which incidentally, is the home of Treetop Apple juice. Participating members will be meeting around 11:30am at the former Safeway store, located at Third and Maple, in preparation for the caravan down. The proposed route will be I-90 to Ellensburg and then south to Selah. Outback steakhouse will provide catering at the year's event, and there are seven new wineries listed as tour sites in 2010.

Mike read a letter to the editor published in an automotive magazine. The author observed the PT Cruiser is now the longest produced automobile without a body change since the Model-T.

Phil and Helen have put together a bowling event scheduled for Lilac Lanes in North Spokane for June 5th. If we get 20 or more bowlers we can use the banquet facilities should we wish to dine there.

Prior to the raffle drawing a sheet was passed around so members could record the amount of money they have spent at Cenex/Ziptrip. Donna noted when Ian Johnston was presented with information regarding the amount members have been spending at Ziptrip he rethought his position on being a club sponsor. While initially declining to be a club sponsor in 2010, Mr. Johnston changed his mind and is again a most welcome 2010 sponsor.

Raffle winners included Richard Ramirez, Marlene Schell, Bev Hamilton, Mike Peart, Catherine Eickmeyer and Nancy Tressler, each of whom won Sonic burgers, ice cream cones or combo meals. Doug Weyer won the

50/50 raffle money and Marlene Schell won the Cenex gas card.



Don't forget Yaki-Vegas is May 14 & 15th Details are on our website. To date we have about a dozen cars going.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR MEETING ON MAY 24TH WILL BE HELD AT SONIC DRIVE-IN BEHIND THE RESTAURANT AT 7 PM. ON THE CORNER OF RUBY AND SHARP.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 – BOWLING AT LILAC LANES – TIME TBA- CHECK WEBSITE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 – FAIRFIELD PARADE – DETAILS ON WEBSITE TBA



Who Needs A Club T-Shirt?

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We have several new members and we have extra Club Logo T-shirts for sale. Donna has these at home and she can bring your order to Yaki Vegas if you want to get one for the event there. Just e-mail her at dobedo@earthlink.net to place an order. After this weekend the shirts will be ordered through Michael and Terry. Here are the available sizes and prices. Checks can be made out to Northwest Cruisers.

1 Child's - \$15.00
1 small - \$15.00
4 Medium - \$15.00
2 Large - \$15.00
3 XL - \$15.00
1 XXL - \$17.00
1 XXXL - \$17.00
1XXXXL - \$21.00

New Members

Welcome to our newest members Harold and Patty Parker who have a white 2001 Limited Edition PT that is white with purple striping. They attended our meeting on April 28th.



Don't Forget-Buy Cenex



CHRYLSER NEWS

Rocky informed us yesterday that Spokane Chrysler is no more. Jay Lee severed the dealership with Chrysler and is converting the store to sell used cars and to do service. They can still service our Chryslers but they will have to get Chrysler parts from other dealers. They will not be able to do Chrysler warranty service. Dishman Dodge has taken over their new car inventory and Jay Lee will be filling the lot with used cars. This is sad news. I know we all wish Jay Lee well. He has been supportive of our club.

2010 River Rendezvous Plans

Keep working on obtaining sponsors. If everyone could get one sponsor we would be very successful and the burden of obtaining them would not fall to a few. So far we have obtained the following sponsors:

Midway Chrysler (Colleen)
Anderson Ink (Michael)
Cenex Zip Lube (Michael and Donna)
Sojourn Palliative Music (Betty and Donna)
Tire Rama (Donna)

I know that Judy H has asked a restaurant, Bev has contacted Northern Quest Casino and Rocky is working on a couple more. We need about 20-30 sponsors. Let's try to secure these by mid-June. Let's have a big report at the May meeting.