

**NORTHWEST CRUISERS**  
**SPOKANE AREA PT CRUISER CLUB**  
*December 2009 Newsletter*

**Happy New Year!**



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## The President's Corner

I cannot believe that it has been two years since Tom twisted my arm into becoming president of the Northwest Cruisers! I have had more fun than anyone should have in assuming this responsibility. Together we continued to build on the first six years of our club experience and accomplished a lot. Besides the activities and continued connection to the other PT Cruiser clubs we have expanded our volunteer outreach this year to include some extra projects like the Veterans Wheelchair Games and Tom's Turkey Drive. We have greatly expanded our participation in the INCCC due to Michael Peart's dedication to keeping us active in the council activities. We gained the sponsorship of two new

companies, Cenex and Sonic. We worked hard on the club's graphic image through the efforts of people like Rico, who designed the new club logo and t-shirts and Rocky who constructed and maintains our wonderful website. We made business cards and fliers available for recruiting purposes too. We have built our treasury while donating to causes and to member events and memorials. All this was done through the efforts of you tremendous club members who give 110% to everything we do.

Leading a club is a lot of work as far as logistics goes but it becomes almost effortless when everyone takes ownership like you do. That is not true of all clubs. I have been a part of many groups where only a few do all the work. **In our club everyone takes part and we are very successful.**

I have enjoyed being president because it brings out my lighter side and because I have gotten to know each of you a little better in this capacity and now I am so much richer. I know that you will give to Michael the same kind of support and enthusiasm in the year ahead. We have a lot to look forward to with our 2010 River Rendezvous, which is something we have been striving to be able to do for some time.

Thanks so much to Michael Peart and Terry and Debbie Hontz for sharing the leadership with so much enthusiasm and grace.

Blessings and success and energy and health to you all in 2010 and thank you so much for all your love and support these past two years.



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# New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Richard and Orma Donovan who joined our club after coming to the Christmas Party in December (See picture below). They are friends of Ron and Barb Cafaro. The Donovan's have a cream colored 2007 PT. We look forward to getting to know them more as the activities of 2010 progress.



Speaking of newer members, you might be interested in knowing that Gary and Alice Patterson like us so much they bought a second PT so they could leave one down South and have one up here to play with us!

Another feather in your hats the past two years is the amount of recruiting you did for the club. These members all joined in the last two years:

Dave and Joanna Brown  
Kathy and Bill Ellis  
Rocky Gibbs and Pam Stotts  
Jill Hamrick  
Mary Lou Kinslow  
Sandy and Ken Leight  
John and Megan Mulvany  
Gary and Alice Patterson  
Molly Thorpe  
MJ and Hap Weis-Hengher  
Orma and Richard Donovan

Associate members:

Penny Marsh  
Marlene Schnell  
Tammy Thompson  
Nancy Tressler  
Jerry and Sue Smith (rejoined)

These folks came too but had to leave for various reasons:

Rosie Bottjier and Mac McGuire  
Amy Bremner  
David Foss  
John Spurgin  
David and Carol McMullin

All of these members contributed to the club in some way and this was all due to your invitation. We keep getting more inquiries so keep up the good work of welcoming others into our community. Look at us – who wouldn't want to join?



## Hail to the Vice-Chief!

We are so grateful to Mary Lou Kinslow for accepting the position of Vice President of the Northwest Cruisers. We want to make sure you all know her so here is a picture of her leading the pack at Arbor Crest. She's in the very front in black and white.



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**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING** submitted by Terry Hontz

President Donna Madej opened the November 2009 meeting of the Northwest Cruisers by thanking the members for their continued generous donations to the YWCA Safe House. This time the donations filled a need for canned items such as tuna, chili, soup and protein such as peanut butter.

In member news Debbie Hontz read a card from Jean Henderson who thanked the members for their kind words, thoughts and prayers regarding the recent passing of her husband Jack. Also read was a brief note from Richard and Joan Ramirez who passed along their hellos as well as a weather report from their winter quarters in Blythe, CA. As you can imagine the weather is considerably warmer there than it is in Spokane. Also Donna noted one of our newest members, Marylou Kinslow has stepped up and agreed to fill our vacant Vice President position. There being no additional candidates, Joe Schoenberg nominated and Phil Evan's seconded the nomination of Marylou. The show of hands was unanimous.

In other news Vice President Mike Peart briefly covered the Inland Northwest Car Club Council (INCCC) event scheduled for February 20, 2010, Show-no-Shine at the downtown Spokane Doubletree Hotel. Regarding the upcoming club Christmas Party scheduled for Dec. 12, 2009 at the home of Ron and Barb Cafaro, the date has been changed. Due to conflicting engagements by many members, the date of the Cafaro hosted Christmas party has been changed to Dec. 13, 2009. In a vote by attending members it was decided the gift exchange this year will be an ornament exchange.

Updating the NW Cruiser 2010 River Rendezvous event at Templin's Resort in Post Falls, ID it was noted the committee has decided to have the majority of the events indoors in case of inclement weather. The room hosting us is facing the river and has doors opening should the weather be nice. Our fee for renting the facility is \$1600 and there will be a fee of \$25 per vehicle to register for the event. Rico Rodriguez

negotiated down the dinner fee from \$35 to \$25 in nice bit of gamesmanship. Among other activities scheduled are a show and glow at the Hot Rod Cafe, a show and shine on Saturday morning and possible boat rides. We are asking members to contact organizations and/or businesses who may be willing to sponsor a \$50 trophy, as well as any donations of pens, cards, maps etc which may be used to fill a goody bag for registered vehicles.

Preliminary work was done on our 2010 event calendar as ideas were solicited from those present. This is, of course, a work in progress and ideas are welcome from all members in the coming months. Some ideas discussed included a return to the INCCC downtown car show, the Fairfield parade, a fall cruise of the type recently hosted by Rocky and Pam and our continuing service projects such as volunteering for the Guild School penny drive. It was further decided not to have an anniversary cruise out of town this year as it was felt the financial impact on members who attend the 2010 River Rendezvous was enough. In further conversation it was felt something similar to the Perkins Anniversary breakfast and a shorter local cruise would be more acceptable.

Donna also requested members turn in or e-mail the Cenex gasoline purchase logs handed out earlier this year so we can tabulate the amount of money spent by members. This information, in turn, will be forwarded to Cenex in hopes of their continued sponsorship. Donna also provided final details of the up coming Tom's Turkey Drive at which many of our members have volunteered and donated.

Raffle winners included: \$20 to Betty Barber, Sonic \$5 gift cards-2 to Terry Hontz, Alice Patterson, Debbie Crowder and Judy Flemmer. The gas card went to Nancy Tressler.

M.J invited all to attend her final concert as a member of the National Guard on December 4<sup>th</sup>. She is retiring after 35 years. Congratulations!

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# Tom's Turkey Drive

A big thank you to all who participated in Tom's Turkey Drive either by attending the event or sending money to buy food. We packed Rocky's convertible with \$855.00 worth of groceries. That is amazing!



dishes to supplement the main dishes and drinks provided by the Cafaro's. Well, there was way too much food!!



We were entertained by the delightful presence of Arthur Arnold and Peter Rowberry, our guests from the Australian PT Cruiser Club.



We had a lot of fun at the Christmas events. First of all, many members went to Matt and Shirley's open house. Of course the decorations and Matt's culinary talents were superb but most of all we felt a lot of Christmas spirit. It was nice to see so many members going to both parties that day.



We exchanged wonderful ornament gifts, raffled off a gas card which M.J. won and all received 2010 PT Calendars made by Rocky. You will be getting yours in the mail this week if you did not get one at the party. What a wonderful way to end a wonderful year.



Round two took place at Ron and Barb Cafaro's house with their usual flare for decorating and lights. About forty people attended the party and it was so much fun. This year the members brought pot luck

## **WATCH FOR:**

**February Events:** Gonzaga Women's Basketball Games and the Show-No- Shine dinner and dance. Rocky is working on a great slide show for the event from our activities this past year. See Michael if you still need tickets

**The 2010 Calendar.** There is still time to send in ideas for this.