

A BREIF HISTORY of the NORTHWEST CRUISER'S Spokane Area PT Cruiser Club

The PT Cruiser phenomenon began with the release of the 2001 models. This cute and practical automobile produced by Chrysler, found its way into the lives of many people. The initial demand was so great that often the price paid was higher than the sticker price. Some people waited several months to get their PT Cruisers as the demand was greater than the initial production allotments.

NWC was formed as a chapter of the larger PT Cruiser Club (PTCC) when we found there wasn't a Chapter in Eastern Washington State. Soon, enough interested Cruiser owners had come together to organize a club. We agreed on a Charter for submission to the PTCC and we chose the name of our Chapter. In January of 2002, we were officially chartered by the PTCC to be known as the N.W. Cruisers. In 2006 we separated from the PTCC becoming our own club..

Some of the original Charter Members are still active in the club. Through the years, we grew to 100 plus Members, but currently have approximately 40 members. We enjoy each other's company on many events and outings. Along with all the good things, we've lost members that were very dear to our club. Included in that group are members that have moved away, found they didn't have time to participate, pursued other interests or the saddest, those that have passed away. We will continue to remember these individuals and their contributions to our "family of friends."

We participate in car shows, go on cruises, have parties and picnics, participate in parades and contribute to several charities. Our spectrum of member cars spans all 10 years of production, various special production models, and best of all, convertibles and special edition models. Some members have multiple Cruisers. Unique to the Cruisers are the trunk displays wherein members pay tribute to their dreams, fantasies, and particular hobbies and interests.

Who knows where the future will take us. With the end of PT Cruiser production in 2010, can we now consider our PT's as "classic" cars? Other car "aficionados" may frown on that idea but we think of our cars as such. We encourage other PT owners and fans to join us for fun, the wholesome enjoyment of a great group of people, and the share bond of that special car, the PT Cruiser.

Some of the activities we have done are listed below.

May 2011 – Yaki-Vegas Wine Tour
April 2011 – Member workshop on car cleaning and protection
April 2011 – Spokane Guild's School penny drive
April 2011 – Bunko Party
February 2011 – INCCC Show-no-Shine

October 2010 – Fall Cruise to Harrison ID
September 2010 – C.A.R.S. Just park it tour

September 2010 – River Rendezvous club sponsored PT meet
August 2010 – Club Anniversary breakfast and Priest Lake cruise
July 2010 – INCCC Downtown Car Show
July 2010 – Mystery Cruise
June 2010 – Fairfield Flag Day parade
June 2010 - Bowling
May 2010 – Yaki-Vegas Wine Tour/Meet
April 2010 – Spokane Guild’s School penny drive
April 2010 – Bunko Party
February 2010 – INCCC Show-no-Shine
November 2009 – Tom’s Turkey Drive
October 2009 – Fall leaves cruise
September 2009 – Arbor Crest concert
September 2009 – Barbecue at Long Lake
September 2009 – Crazy G’s burger run
August 2009 – Anniversary Cruise to Glacier Park
August 2009 – Camaro car show
August 2009 – Cruise to Silver Mountain
July 2009 – INCCC Downtown Car Show
July 2009 – Veterans Wheelchair Games
July 2009 – Sonic ice cream run
June 2009 – Cruise and backyard dinner
June 2009 – Fairfield Flag Day Parade
May 2009 – Yaki-Vegas Wine Tour/Meet
April 2009 – Spokane Guild’s School penny drive
February 2009 – INCCC Show-no-Shine
Nov 2008 – Bowling.
Oct 2008 – Mystery cruise
Aug 2008 – Wallace melodrama.
Sep 2008 – Anniversary cruise Snohomish car show.
Jul 2008 – Millwood car show.
Jul 2008 – Downtown Spokane car show.
Jul 2008 – Ice cream run.
Jun 2008 – Ice cream run.
Jun 2008 – Show-N-Shine Spokane Chrysler.
May 2008 – Yaki-Vegas.
May 2008 – Chewelah car museum.
Apr 2008 – Laser Tag.
Apr 2008 – Spokane Guild’s School penny drive.
Mar 2008 – Show-N-Shine Northern Quest Casino.
Oct 2007 – Greenbluff run.
Oct 2007 – Scavenger hunt.
Sep 2007 – Silver Mtn.
Sep 2007 – Anniversary cruise to Hood River.
Aug 2007 – Mystery cruise.
Jul 2007 – Accelerator car show at Silverwood.

Jun 2007 – Fairfield parade.
Jun 2007 – Show-N-Shine at Go-Go Burrito.
May 2007 – Yaki-Vegas.
May 2007 – Spring Barrel Tasting.
May 2007 – Scavenger hunt.
Apr 2007 – Game day.
Apr 2007 – Spokane Guild's School penny drive.
Apr 2007 – Bowling.
Oct 2006 – Fall colors train at Ione.
Sep 2006 – Anniversary cruise to Lake Chelan.
Aug 2006 – Hot August Nights Show-N-Shine.
Aug 2006 – Rockin B Ranch dinner and show.
Jul 2006 – Accelerator car show at Silverwood.
Jun 2006 – Fairfield parade.
May 2006 – Scavenger hunt.
Mar 2006 – Cruise and dinner, Coeur d'Alene Casino.
Jan 2006 – Got out of the PTCC.
Sep 2005 – Game cruise.
Sep 2005 – Spangle parade.
Sep 2005 – Anniversary cruise to Ocean Shores.
Jul 2005 – Thompson Falls cruise.
Jul 2005 – Coeur d'Alene Lake boat cruise.
Jul 2005 – Jet boat trip from Clarkston.
Jun 2005 – Rearden Mule Days.
Jun 2005 – Fairfield parade.
Jun 2005 – Rockin B Ranch dinner and show.
May 2005 – Show-N-Shine Midway Chrysler.
Apr 2005 – Yaki-Vegas.
Apr 2005 – Humane Society clean up day.
Apr 2005 – Palouse Falls cruise.
Mar 2005 – Scavenger hunt.
Oct 2004 – Anniversary cruise to Penticton B.C.
Jul 2004 – NWC/Big Daddy's fund raiser.
Jul 2004 – Jet boat trip to Hell's Canyon.
May 2004 – Wine cruise, Zillah.
Dec 2003 – Bus trip to Leavenworth lighting ceremony.
Oct 2003 – Anniversary cruise Nelson B.C.
Sep 2003 – Spangle Harvest Days parade.
Aug 2003 – Game cruise.
Jul 2003 – Oregon Coast cruise with other clubs.
Jun 2003 – Show-N-Shine Players and Spectators.
May 2003 – Winery tour, Zillah.
Apr 2003 – Clue/points cruise.
Mar 2003 – Dinner cruise and meeting.
Mar 2003 – Cruise and box lunch exchange.
Oct 2002 – Ice cream social.

Oct 2002 – Anniversary cruise to Leavenworth.
Sep 2002 – Show-N-Shine Midway Chrysler.
Jul 2002 – Show-N-Shine Spokane Chrysler.
Jun 2002 – Flag Day parade in Fairfield.
May 2002 – Spring Festival and car show in Moses Lake.
Apr 2002 – Poker run and dinner.
Mar 2002 – Dinner run to Hot Rod Café.
Dec 2001 – First club newsletter, seven PT clubs in Washington State.