

HISTORY
N. W. CRUISER'S
Spokane Area Chapter of the PT Cruiser Club
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The PT Cruiser phenomenon caught up with us in July of 2001 when we purchased our Inferno Red PT Cruiser. This cute automobile produced by Chrysler found its way into the lives of so many people, and often the price paid was higher than the sticker price and people waited several months to get their PT Cruisers. The demand for this car was higher than the initial production. We found our special PT in Bellevue WA.

We joined the large PT Cruiser Club (PTCC) and found that there wasn't a Chapter on this side of Washington State, so we volunteered to become Area Coordinators and start a Chapter in the Spokane area. In October we had contacted enough interested people to schedule a Potluck get together at our home. From that 15 people, plus Sue and I, we started organizing by agreeing on a Charter for submission and we voted on a name of our Chapter.

The original Charter Members were Jerry & Susan Smith, Rich & Carmel Kupka, Mort Castleton & Irene Herrera, Art & Laurie Dolan, PennyJo Wagner, Marc Tylor, Rick Walters, Peggy & Walt Coleman, Dick & Mary Flaig, Rich & Stephanie Neubauer. Of this group, Sue and I, Rich and Carmel, Mort and Irene, and Art and Laurie are still in the N.W. Cruiser's. In January of 2002, we were officially chartered by the PTCC, known as the N.W. Cruiser's.

Through the years, we have grown to 100 plus Members in the Chapter, enjoying 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 Chapter. 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."

Who knows where the future will take us, but as this is being written in 2006, we are assured by a transition to new Area Coordinators, Tom & Catherine Eickmeyer, and the unending interest and sales of the PT Cruiser, new people will join us for fun, the wholesome enjoyment of a great group of people, and the bond of that special car, the PT Cruiser.

Some of the activities we have done in the past are listed below.

- 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.