



Cruisin' News

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News, Elections, and More Cruisin' Fun!

Passages

It is with sadness and respect we acknowledge the passing of one of our fellow PTERS, and a cornerstone PTER in the region – Mr. Russ Adolf.

As many of you know, Russ was the President of the YakiVegas Club, and a mainstay in the annual YakiVegas Wine Tour / Show 'n Glow event many of us have enjoyed for years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Russ's friends and family, Ann and the YakiVegas club. He will be missed.

Elections

We have a number of things coming up soon, including final nominations for our outgoing Vice President and Secretary...both Roger and Carol have done an OUTSTANDING job on our club's behalf...and they will continue to enjoy the club...more so as a participant in the fun (at least that's what THEY think!).

Nominations start this month with elections coming in December. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time and taking one of these positions.

We also need to continue to consider and then choose our club charity(s) for next year.

Cruisin' Fun

We have a couple of fun events coming up soon including the XXX Drive-In Annual Pumpkin Bash and our first ever December bus trip to Leavenworth for the tree lighting ceremony! As I understand it, there are just

a few 'choice' seats remaining before the bus will be full. If you want to go, contact Pat & John Major ASAP!!! We'll also be having our annual Holiday Party in January 2010. Anyone who would like to get involved and share in the planning and fun (set-up, decorating, games, food, clean-up, etc.) is more than welcome to do so! Please just let us know and share your thoughts and ideas. The more the merrier!!! Ho Ho Ho!


And last, but certainly not least, we WELCOME all of our new and returning members and friends this year. We look forward to all of you renewing your dues soon for 2010 and continuing to share the fun with any other PTERS you may come across in your travels.

Be safe...and be grateful for what we have...each other, our friends, our health and our families (not to mention our PTs!) We are blessed.

God Bless and THANK YOU for all you do...

Warm regards and deep appreciation,

Gary M.

	<h3>Upcoming Events</h3> <p>Oct 10 Autumn Leaf Cruise</p> <p>Oct 24 PSC 8th Annual Pumpkin Bash</p>
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October Member of the Month Jon Thibodeau



I was born in Pasadena, CA and spent the first 6 ½ years in southern California. My father moved the family to Las Vegas NV in 1963 and went to work at Nellis AFB. Growing up in Vegas was a unique experience, this was the “Rat Pack” era and the city was under a lot of Mob influence. I delivered papers as a kid; some of my customers were Sonny Liston, Buddy Hackett, Don Rickels, and Johnny Carson. All through my youth I had a natural curiosity for mechanical things. This progressed to cars as I got older and I was attracted to older or unusual ones. My first car was a 55 Bel Air.

When I graduated high school in 1975, I joined the Navy mainly to get a Mechanics degree. My first 3 years were pretty normal and in July of 1978 a friend invited me to go to church with him. He had recently broken off his engagement to some girl. While at the service I asked him to point out the girl. He did and I was floored. I told him “I would have married her on looks alone!”

Later that day at a church outing I met the young lady. Six weeks later, Caren and I were married in Las Vegas. 12 days after we got married, I was deployed for 9 ½ months.

In March of 1980 I left the Navy. We spent 3 years between Vegas and Ft. Worth, TX. After breaking my ankle and being on workman’s comp, we were really in the hole and guess who was pregnant again. So we decided to go back in the Navy. This time I stuck around until I had 20 years and retired. Around 2006 we were looking for a car for Caren. She really wanted a PT. I had looked at them when they first came out because I liked the retro styling. But I thought they were too small. But what Caren wants, Caren gets. So we took a trip to “The Wallop in Puyallup”. And the “Ozcruiser” was born. Since joining the Mount Rainier Cruisers, we’ve enjoyed ourselves immensely, and have made some great friends. I look forward to many more years with all you crazy people.



Birthdays

- ➔ Tess Aldinger 10/11
- ➔ Tanita Michalenko 10/12
- ➔ Joanne Moodie 10/12
- ➔ Chris Ensor 10/18
- ➔ Rose Ashcraft 10/20
- ➔ Joanne Way 10/22
- ➔ Phil Youngblood 10/25



Anniversaries

- ➔ Dorothy & Robert Scheidegger 10/1
- ➔ Gary & Tanita Michalenko 10/18