



Cruisin' News

Mt. Rainier Cruisers Club
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August 2009

It's Meet 'n Greet Time!

The Meet-N-Greet Planning Committee, as well as other volunteers, has been working very hard to get things put together for this year's event. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible!

We need to be able have an accurate head (car) count to plan accordingly and let the vendors know so they can bring enough stock and, in some cases, whether they should make the trip or not.



The registration form is available on page 2 of this newsletter for your convenience. It's also on the web site:

http://www.mtrainiercruisers.com/Docs/MnG/MRC_MnG2009_RegForm.pdf

Volunteers are *always* appreciated!

We know you want to help and you just need to know what to do. Please show up early and see Roger for an assignment (he likes to delegate!).



Upcoming Events

- Aug 14 2nd Annual Mt. Rainier Cruisers Show-N-Glow
- Aug 15 5th Annual Mt. Rainier Cruisers Meet-N-Greet
- Aug 23-27 TVCC Vacation Cruise

Check out our upcoming calendar online, too...there's a busy summer ahead!

	Birthdays		Anniversaries	
➔	Jason Johnson	8/1	➔ Garry & Max	
➔	Garry Alexander	8/8	Alexander	8/11
➔	Gary Aldinger	8/9	➔ Jon & Caren	
➔	Robert Scheidegger	8/11	Thibodeau	8/18
➔	Butch Gumm	8/15	➔ Bryan & Rose	
➔	Maxine Alexander	8/16	Ashcraft	8/25
➔	Leslie Hagen	8/22		
➔	Donna Evans	8/25		
➔	Scott Evans	8/26		



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5th ANNUAL MEET & GREET

August 15, 2009 9 am to 2 pm
Performance Grill
1525 A Street NE
Auburn, WA 98002

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME _____

NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

PT INFO: YEAR _____ COLOR: _____ THEME _____

\$10.00 ENTRANCE FEE per vehicle.

Make checks payable to Mt. Rainier Cruisers.

Please mail completed registration form* with payment in full to:

Mt. Rainier Cruisers

PO Box 277

Pacific, WA 98047-0277

[*must be postmarked by July 31, 2009]

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the right to participate, I hereby release and discharge Mt. Rainier Cruiser Club, Performance Grill, and any and all other associate sponsors, officers, directors, agents, or anyone else connected with the management, promotion, or presentation of this event; from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, judgments, and/or claims from any cause that may be suffered by any entrant/participant to his/her person or property. Further, each entrant/participant expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless any and all forgoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies from any and all liabilities resulting from the conduct of any entrant/participant or spectator assisting or cooperating with the entrant/participant's direction or control. I agree any photos or videos of my property, as a result of this event, or myself may be used as promotional material, or sale.

(PLEASE SIGN)

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

July Member of the Month – John Mann



Hi, I was born in Missoula Montana, the 5th of 6 kids. We moved to the Spanaway area in 1948. In 1950 we moved to Tacoma where I lived until 1967. I graduated from Lincoln High in 1959. I joined the army in 1960, and served two years active duty and four years in the army reserve. After working in several fields including sales, manufacturing, and truck driving, I finally used some of my Army training and went to computer school in 1968. I worked at Pacific Maritime Association for two years then went to King County in the computer division in January of 1969 where I worked for the next 28 years, retiring at 55.

I have several hobbies: hunting, fishing, boating; both power and sailing, traveling (I've been to Europe twice, and to India), besides most of the U.S. I am in the process of restoring a small sailboat and plan to get it in the water this spring, wish me luck. Beside Mt. Rainier Cruisers, I belong to several organizations, WIHSKI; a ski and activities club (20 plus years), Seattle Singles Yacht Club, and The International Footprint Association (the as the Keystone Kops).

I married Sharon in 1974 and was lucky enough to get two great kids, Suzette and Ronnie, at the same time. We lived in Tukwila for 11 years and were active in many of the youth programs, like Little League, youth soccer, Foster High ski club, and 4H. I stayed in the same area after divorce. I now live in Des Moines and love it enough to think I will stay here.

I found my 2006 PT Cruiser convertible in July of 2008. I didn't think of doing any changes until I saw some with after market accessories. I started with the chrome wheels and white wall tires, the teardrop tail lights, then the pin striping and a convertible top boot. I have a couple more ideas, but do not want too much stuff that will take away from the basic look of the car. I am applying for a vanity license that will describe what I am trying to show. This is my 6th convertible: 1928 Ford Model A, 1960 Triumph TR3, 1962 Sunbeam alpine, 1957 Ford T-Bird, 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier, and an old Chevy Vega station wagon we chopped the top off of.

I haven't been able to do too many things with MRC yet, but I plan to get more involved. I had a great time on the YakiVegas trip and was very pleased and flattered to get the Best Convertible award.

Thank you for being my club and let's have lots of good times!

August Member of the Month – Rick Hancock



I was born and raised in Boise, ID. From an early age, I was fascinated by cars. If any of my toys had wheels, I wanted to drive it. My dad was a truck driver and a stock car racer at the Meridian Speedway and I loved going to the races. My first car was a 1951 Pontiac hearse, a real party mobile! It even had genuine gunshot holes in one of the doors. Like its most frequent passengers, it died, too.

After high school, I attended Boise State U for a year majoring in culinary cuisine. I left for Los Angeles, where I spent the next 2.5 years working in the restaurant business. I got burned out on LA very quickly and moved back to Boise. Not long after I moved back to Boise, I bought the first of a pair of '67 El Camino SS's. Next to the PT, I've never loved any other vehicle as much.

I went to work as an orderly and in 1977, moved to Baker, OR and began working at a nursing. After getting my residency, I completed my first year of nursing school in Baker, then moved to Pendleton, OR to finish my second year in 1983. I moved to Portland for the next two years and moved to Seattle in April of '85. I worked as a bartender while waiting for my nursing license transfer to come through from OR. Since then, I've worked for a few hospitals and nursing homes for 29 the past years and am currently employed at the VA Hospital in Seattle, working on the medical intensive care unit. Since 1986, I've also worked as a nightclub disc jockey and have worked at one club for eleven years.

I am an avid family history buff and am very active with my Scottish clan society, the Clan Keith Society, USA. I was their first webmaster and have served as the Idaho and Washington convener since 1999. I was selected as "Clansman of the Year" in 1999 for my efforts with setting up their first web site. I was recently elected as "director-at-large."

From the time I first saw a PT Cruiser I knew what my next car was going to be. The first time I got to drive one was in September of 2001. My van blew a head gasket the night before I was to drive to Boise. I went out to the airport to pick up my rental car. The agent told me all he had left were some little Hyundais and said they wouldn't be good for a road trip, He then said, "but for \$25 a day I can upgrade you to a PT Cruiser." I said bring it on! About three weeks after I returned from Boise, I bought my PT on October 13, 2001. The rest is history! I've been a member of Puget Sound Cruisers since spring of 2003 and a member of Mt. Rainier Cruisers for the past 3.5 years.