



# *Cruisin' News*

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*Member of the Month – Stan Beneveds*



In 1998 a co-worker showed me an article in the newspaper. It was a Chrysler Corp. dream car. I took one look and joked, "if they build it, I'll buy it." As it turns out I actually bought 2. My wife has an 03, and I have an 01. My Cruiser came with everything I never wanted on a car. It did have the one thing I had to have. ITSASTK. For you license plate buffs that means it's a stick. So are the Dodge Rampage and Daytona turbo I have. The Daytona was a project car that never got off the ground. Before anyone jumps to any conclusions, let me set the record straight. I am a Chrysler products fan.

To the basics. I was born in Southern Ca. Raised in Northern Ca. Moved to Ms in my junior year of high school. Finish high school there, started college, quit and joined the Navy. Came home 4 years later a married man. Went back to college, got my AA in elementary edd. Attended the U of Southern Miss, during the time the N.O. Saints were using its facilities for training camp. Became a life long Saint fan. I got bored with the civilian life and rejoined the Navy. There I stayed through 2 sons. a divorce, a lot of travel, and the best thing that ever happened to me. I

met Lani while visiting my parents. About a year later we were married. 6 months of that year I was back overseas. I retired from the Navy in 1990. Worked as a teacher, not little kids, post secondary ed. Then worked as a field rep/tech in the electronics industry.

In 98 Lani and I decided that if we were ever going to retire, we had to get out of Ca. My best two wheel friend lives in Renton, and after visiting with him the area we wanted to move to was decided. We settled in Auburn. I went to work in the photo copier business for Ricoh. In Jan of 09 we figured we had worked long enough so Lani and I Retired. May of 09 found us on the road again, this time an extended vacation. We went to Kansas, Lani's daughter and family live there. Then on to Georgia, my sons and their families live there. Then FL, MS, LA, New Mexico, and finally home again. 8,000 miles in 5 weeks in a PT Cruiser. Shortly after returning home, Lani was diagnosed with ALS. So with 25 years behind us we have an uncertain future ahead. We have one other daughter, Valerie, who also lives in Auburn. We look forward to taking part in MRC events in the coming year.



### Birthdays

- ➔ Aggie Aguilar 1/2
- ➔ Roscoe Cox 1/14
- ➔ Rick Hancock 1/20
- ➔ Jody Rainwater 1/21



### Anniversaries

- ➔ Jody & Rick Rainwater 1/26

## Upcoming Events

- ➔ Jan 9 After Christmas party
- ➔ Feb (TBD) EB Foote Winery/Chocolate Tasting
- ➔ Mar 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Oregon
- ➔ Apr (TBD) Mt Vernon Tulip Festival
- ➔ Apr (TBD) Kitsap Cruisers Event
- ➔ May (TBD) YakiVegas Winery Tour and Cruise