



Mt. Rainier Cruisers
General Membership Meeting Minutes
NOVEMBER 2010

Nov 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Performance Grill, Auburn

OLD BUSINESS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary presented the updated YTD account balance. Gary M. will fill in for Diana who is recovering from surgery. The position of club treasurer will be voted on during the December election.

BOARD MEETING REVIEW: Board met Thursday Oct 28 at Performance Grill in Auburn. 7 members in attendance. Reminder that upcoming elections for President and Treasurer to be held in December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Nothing to report.

Sunshine: It was reported that Diana Klein is still recovering from knee surgery and Roscoe Cox is in the hospital for hip replacement surgery. Joanne passed out the month's Birthday and Anniversary cards.

Newsletter: Joanne will continue to do the newsletter with the addition of a "Ladies Cruisers" corner. The bio and pics for the member of the month have been received for the past few months so she will continue to post information on the back of the newsletter. Garry Alexander has agreed to print them and bring to the monthly meeting. Any member wanting to contribute to the newsletter is welcome to do so.

Lady Cruisers: The Lady Cruisers are still accepting donations (money or food items) for family Thanksgiving basket they are hosting. The family was selected by the church Roger and Diana attend. A Christmas basket will also be donated in December to a family through a program in Algona. More information on that during the December meeting.

CHARITY REVIEW: Gary shared some information he received when he met with the returning Director of the Northwest Burn Foundation...Nancy Mendoza, and passed out donation envelopes to all Club members. He also reminded members donations made before the end of the year are tax deductible. He's hoping for some exciting interactions with the Center in the upcoming year. A fundraiser / charity event may be planned for early 2011. Fisher House has sent their latest "top three items".

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a guest in attendance this month, Nikki Alexander, the daughter-in-law of Maxine and Garry Alexander.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Nominations for President and Treasurer positions were placed at this meeting. Joanne Way was nominated by Garry A and seconded by Chris P. for the Secretary position. She has accepted the nomination (Leslie Hagen has stepped down for work related issues). Jan Blankers nominated and Garry A seconded Carol Aguilar for the position of Treasurer. She has accepted the nomination. Gary M. was nominated for President but he has tabled any decision on that nomination until the December meeting. Elections will be held in December in accordance with the club bylaws. There was discussion during the last Board Meeting regarding changing the monthly meeting date and location, in part, because of low attendance the past few months (19 members for last month's meeting and less attendance at this meeting)...the board elected to change the meeting date for December 2010 back to the first Wednesday of the month (DEC. 1st), and return to Black Bear Restaurant in Federal Way. Gary M. will send out a notice to the general membership regarding this change. Gary M. spoke w/Black Bear General Manager regarding the December 2010 Meeting, and any concerns we and they may have... Any member who has a potential idea for a meeting location should bring it up at next month's meeting.

EVENTS:

Gary M is encouraging all members to suggest activities they would like to participate in this next year. The 2011 Club Events Calendar needs to be completed, and posted on the website by the first week of January 2011. Jeff Hogan, who has done a great job this past year as our Club's "Cruise Director", would like to step down, in part, due to some health issues. We will facilitate 'Club Cruises' and Events as a Committee by Club membership...and any Club Member can suggest and/or form a cruise, organize it and let the general membership know about it.

October 17: Mystery cruise (Mount St. Helens) – nine cars met at the Tacoma Krispy Kreme donut shop and then convoyed to Mount St. Helens for the mystery cruise. After an hour-long stop at Cabellas Outdoor Store in Lacey, the cruise continued with a picnic lunch at the main rest stop on the mountain. Several stops were made along the route up the mountain before returning home.

October 23 – PSC Pumpkin Bash at XXX in Issaquah. Smaller turnout than in past shows (19 cars) but MRCC managed to win several of the trophies including funniest and scariest costume, the 50/50, and more....

Nov 6: Auburn Veteran's Day Parade - MRCC will not be participating in the parade, in part, due to application not being submitted earlier. Carol Aguilar left a phone message inquiring to their need of additional drivers but no word back yet.

Nov 26 – Macy's Parade in Seattle – there will be some members offering up the use of their PT convertibles to drive dignitaries in the parade again this year (each will apparently be receiving \$125). So far Ben Keller and John Mann have offered to drive this year. The parade is one of the largest in the area and will be televised.

Dec 4: Santa Parade in Puyallup (no confirmation yet from their committee) – a sign up list was passed around to get a head count of those members interested in participating. Dinner after the parade will be at Turner's Restaurant in Puyallup. Please SIGN-UP as soon as possible...

Dec 18: Leavenworth Bus Trip – Gary is currently communicating with Pat and John Major of the PSC to see if other arrangements for a smaller bus can be confirmed since not enough members signed up for the large bus. NOTE: Since the meeting, Gary has sent out an email describing the options available (smaller bus, possibly without an onboard restroom, or a smaller bus with restroom and more \$\$). The club members have until the end of next week to decide what option they want and to see if there is enough headcount.

Jan. 15 – Club Holiday party – originally planned at Gary and Tanita's clubhouse where they live but declined due to a \$400 deposit required (\$200 non-refundable). Joanne checked with the Auburn Eagles for use of their clubroom. There would be a \$100 rental fee and no use of the kitchen area. John Mann suggested the use of his clubhouse at his condo community. He'll need to get more information on capacity and parking. Garry A. suggested the use of a clubhouse off Canyon Road that was used by the club for past parties. He will check into this further. Becky Hamm suggested the community center in

Tacoma – she will try to find out more information. Carol Aguilar suggested looking into the use of area Granges. Chris will check into the Nostalia Museum in the South Park area of Seattle. Gary encouraged any member who knew of accommodations to let him know. Garry Alexander will head the committee for the Christmas Party. Carol suggested each member donate some \$\$ toward the rental of a facility, and we still do a potluck. Menu choices need to be decided. Members were reminded to send an email to Garry A and let him know what type of main course meat they would like. Joanne Way and Joan Bowman will team up to do this year's party games.

Jan 29th 2011 - Gary discussed going to another Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey game at the ShoWare center in Kent (Teddy Bear Toss). There was enough interest from attending members that a motion was made by Nancy Johnson and seconded by Carol Aguilar to allow Gary M to write a check up to \$250 to pre-purchase tickets.

APPAREL: Nothing to report.

WEB: There was some discussion regarding the navigation in the website. Questions regarding where to find information and photos, etc. Nancy informed the members that club photos are now posted on Facebook under the club page. Garry A. and Nancy both suggested that posting the photos on our club Facebook page may be more agreeable. It was also noted finding other PT clubs on the web is more difficult than on Facebook. Nancy agreed to further investigate this option and possibly create a link to Facebook for photos. The 2011 Events Calendar needs to be completed and posted on the website. Need suggestions from the general membership for events next year.

OTHER: A post-mortem Committee Meeting for the August Show-N-Glow and the August Meet-N-Greet TBD. To make the club more “fun” and relaxed, Gary M. suggested eliminating some of the committees. The bylaws will remain as is. Hospitality and Sunshine will remain as is.

Raffle: The 50/50 (\$31.00), was won by Chris Paige.

Member of the Month: For December 2010 is Jason Johnson

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Next General Membership Meeting: **WED. 1 DEC 2010 at BLACK BEAR; Federal Way**

Meeting adjourned.