



Mt. Rainier Cruisers

April 2008 Meeting Minutes

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- Welcome:** Introduction of new members and visitors. Minutes from March 2008 meeting, and Newsletter were handed out. Meeting minutes approved.
- Treasurers Report:** Garry Alexander gave the Treasurers report. Reported on outstanding bills that will be paid. In addition all bills and correspondence will now go to the PO Box.
- Old Business:** Roscoe received the new Club business cards. All who want some can see him.
- Charities:** Annetta Kleiner and Jay were there from the Guide Dogs of America. They gave a presentation to the Club on their organization and spent time on Question and Answer session afterwards. She left brochures for those who want them.
- Roscoe gave a presentation on Fisher House. He brought brochures to hand out that list information about the organization and the types of items they accept as donations. Question and Answer session followed.
- Gary Michalenko handed out a list of charities that have been submitted for consideration by the Club. He talked about the possibility of selecting more than one charity to support and the decision the club would have to make regarding what type of support to provide if more than one charity is selected, ie money, goods, services etc. The Club will vote on their charity(s) of choice at the May General Meeting.
- Board Meeting:** Gary went over the last Board meeting and gave out the new PO Box address for the Club, PO Box 277, Pacific WA 98047-0277. All Club correspondence will now go to the PO Box. The Club roster will be emailed out from now on. Let Carol know of any changes that need to be made. Lin Gumm volunteered for the Membership Committee and will be getting membership packets together. Let her know of anything that needs to be included. Membership cards are all done and handed out to current members. Gary put together a list of events and brought them to the meeting to share. It will also be posted on the web site. The Board discussed having a Tech Corner on the web site and possibly in the newsletter. More information will be coming on that. The next board meeting will be 4/26 at the Black Bear at 8:30AM.
- Lady Cruisers:** The Lady Cruisers meet on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be held at Maxine's house on April 21st at 6:30.
- New Location:** The membership has been trying to find another location to hold our General Meetings. Gary asked if anyone had any other place in mind other than Johnny's to let him know. We want to let Johnny's know soon if we are not going to continue meeting there. A motion was made and after some discussion approved to start holding our General Meetings at the Black Bear. We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The board will talk to the management at the Black Bear to address some issues with service and let them know the Club's decision.

Non-Profit

Status: Roger gave his feedback to Carol. She will consolidate the paperwork she already has and they will get together to discuss the next step in getting the paperwork filed.

Tax ID# Discussed getting the Tax ID # up front from any charity the Club decides to sponsor this year. Garry still working on getting this information from Sweet Willies. He will try one more time to get the information. If we don't get it, the Club will issue a personal 1099 to them so we can account for the money the Club donated in 2007.

Gary clarified that the Club can vote on any charity that was submitted for consideration, not just the ones we heard from tonight. No one provided any more information or guest speakers for the other charities.

Events: Gary put together a master list for the events we know about for the rest of this year. The information will also be posted on the web site.

June 28th will be the date for our get together with the Oregon Clubs, and others, in Centralia. A flyer will go out with more details. We will ask each club to come up with two games and two prizes. Each club will also have to bring their own barbecues as there are none available at the picnic site.

Gary Aldinger talked about the Skagit Valley Cruise. He outlined the itinerary for food and visit to the glass works company. The cruise is exclusive to Puget Sound and Mt. Rainier Cruisers only. If things work out, it may possibly end up being an annual event open to everyone. Sign up deadline is 5/11. Make sure to bring a radio to keep in contact with each other.

Clothing: Roscoe has the T-Shirts in. Anyone who ordered one can see him.

Hospitality: Birthdays were announced, cake and gifts handed out. Goodie bag also handed out to last months Member of the Month. Jeff Rich is Member of the Month for May.

Meet and

Greet: Roger discussed the committee for the Meet and Greet. Listed all who had signed up to help. Meeting will be held on April 8th at the Alpac Library, 6-7:30. If anyone has input, please let Roger know.

Open

Forum: Jerry brought in newspaper article regarding the Le May Museum. Also brought up the Cruise to Paradise. Will make plans to eat at a restaurant as opposed to a picnic. The information will be posted on the web site.

All those who ordered items from Garry's Open House should be receiving it soon. Another one in planned to promote the Norwax cleaning products.

Diana gave information on the cruise next May. Tentative prices are \$779 for inside cabins, \$929 for outside cabin and \$1479 for balcony. The date is set for May 17th. She needs to know how many cabins we need so she can get back to us with the price with all discounts applied.

Raffle: 50/50 raffle held, \$56 dollars went to Carol Aguilar.

Condolences: Gary let the Club members know about the recent tragedies involving the Thibodeau and Ensor families.

Meeting adjourned.