



# Cruisin' Couples October 2011 Newsletter

## A Message From the President

*If Sunday you found yourself tired of doing the Best Car Show in the State of Florida, I can appreciate that because Darlene and I were hurting as well. But I have to admit that this was our very best show in so many ways. A `big Thanks to those 13 Cruisin' Couples who came together and pulled it off. It is something we all can be proud of.*

*I realize that continuing to do our annual show may cause some discomfort and some question if it's worth it. At times I question why bother as well. I am a tough task master and I'm sensitive about loyalty. So I do believe in striving for "The Best Car Show In Florida" or I'd rather not doing it at all. So we all need to give careful thought!*

## The 2011 Car Show Report

*Worrying and fear accomplish nothing... The 8 competing shows in our area, 60 % Chance of rain, \$2,000 of Sponsor Money not paid, FAA turned down our Flag drop, The Tent was erected backwards, keys to the dressing room were missing, the intermission club performance was not ready for prime time and both a fill-in Judge and brand new Parking captain could be a disaster... Worrying? Who Me? None of*

*the things I worried about happened or at if they did they didn't make a difference.*

*Saturday Morning came and I had picked up the \$2,000, many of the 180 per-registered cars were already there, the sky was blue, not a cloud in the sky, the temp had cooled, the dressing rooms were open. It was a perfect fall day in Florida. It was still early but it was going to be a day to be remembered and proud to be a part of.*

*Shirley unloaded 139 of the most elaborate Door prizes ever, the stage with the Twin Towers and Flags as a back drop looked like a made for movie set for a Tail Fins & Chrome TV show being filmed here today. A tribute to The Wounded Warriors Project the WWII jeep, the flyover by the three WWII airplanes was all about honoring those who made today possible.*



*At high noon the 124<sup>th</sup> Color guard raised the American Flag as Ms. Donna Moore sang our National Anthem with the right pitch the right words, perfectly timed for a 3*

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*WW II plane Flyover. Hundreds of veterans were standing in front of the autographed Bill Bryan jeep saluting while the rest of us with hands over hearts paid tribute to our troops. As national Anthem ended A former Marine read "A Soldier Reports To God" and although his voice cracked with emotion when Dunning Shaw sang God Bless the USA, most of us found our eyes tearing up.... It was a Solemn moment...*



*An hour later the Moore -Shaw duo opened our Concert that was nothing short of spectacular. After their first set of non-stop costumed tributes full of both humor and nostalgia for the good old days of the 50's and 60's it was time for the costumed Cruisin' Couples to take the stage. Our "Memphis Security guard" checked the stage for unsavory characters. The coast was clear and he signaled for the two Shabby Cops to escort an Older and much Larger Elvis to the stage closely followed by Buddy Holly, Sonny and Cher, a sailor and a chorus line of 50's poodle skirted gals. The Club Theme song began ...and then from out of nowhere an over zealot groupie Female*

*attached herself to Elvis. Fortunately our Shabby cops stepped in and soon escorted her from the stage. The Cruising' Couples gang with some help, sang the club theme song. The girls did the Cancan Kick and as then the song's rhythm changed to a stripper beat and the girls turned and tossed panties to the crowd. It was an unexpected delight for the audience. The laughter was a welcomed and from behind the Twin Towers our two Elvis tribute artists sounding as good as they looked, performed the Elvis Trilogy. The 6X9 foot American flag was unfurled behind them; a perfectly timed second flyover surprised us all. This Cruising' Couple was proud and most pleased...it was nothing short of "The Best Day Ever"!*



### **It's was now "Trophy time"**

*It was Fuzzy's first time doing Tabulations and Dad was worried. But just as Melody had assured him for weeks; Fuzzy would do just fine" He did us proud ...and tabulations and the presentations of trophies came off exceptionally well. Thanks Fuzzy... I never had a doubt. Dad.*

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## **Moments to Remember**

There were some special moments perhaps because of the 9/11 Twin Towers back drop and all the flags, the WW II flyover but moments like the presentation of the Best Military Vehicle trophy to Charles McWhorter, A 94 year old WW II Vet who himself had restored his 1941 Ford Jeep and brought it to our show. Though not alone, he was moved to tears as he was presented with a remarkable Best Military Vehicle Trophy that included a WW II tank and a flag that waved as it played the national anthem.

Then ...the First Responder Trophy was dedicated and in honor of, Eric Hendrickson who lost his life from injuries sustained at the 9/ 11 attach. The trophy presented by his Dad, Peter Hendrickson was preceded with the reading of the story of this tragedy that happened 10 years and 21 days before. He gave his life trying to help others and honor his sacrifice today... The trophy, with two kneeling firemen, a policeman holding an American Flag, in front of pictures of the 5 stages of the attack on the twin towers. It was a fitting and appropriate very special Trophy in Tribute to one of the heroes of 9/11. As Fuzzy read the "Eric Henderson Story" his Dad presented the "First responders" Trophy to Harry Belbeck for his '64 Fire-engine red Fire-chief's Galaxie it was indeed a special moment...for all of us.

But there still another moment...The proceeds that will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project were the doubled when the winner of the \$595 dollar 50/50 raffle made a gift of his \$595 portion to the Wounded Warriors project. That says it all! Even in tough times some still step up and make us proud. This couple have attended many our shows and several times have always make it a point to purchase the most tickets by any one person, each year. Thanks You. We will match that gift and more...

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***There is a God and I hope He approved of our tribute to the Wounded Warriors.***  
***"All gave some and Some gave all"***  
***Reminds us of our debt owed to all those who served.***  
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*Some of you are tired and prefer that this be the Cruisin' Couples Last Car Show...and  
Quit while we're at the top of our game  
Let this tradition be remembered  
For what we used to be!*

*Maybe we've raised the bar a bit too high  
Even for the Cruisin' Couples  
What we were before is in the past  
Most of us are old and out of gas.  
Maybe?*

***Nobody can expect us to top this show?***

***Best Venue  
Best Door prizes  
Best opening ceremony  
A dual flyover  
Best entertainment  
Best trophies  
Most Cars Ever  
Biggest net 50/50***

***TV Show Filmed by Tail Finns & Chrome***

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## *So, should this be our last Car Show.?*

*Our purpose is the preservation of these works of art and the hobby of cruising”*

## Secretary's Corner

by, Pam Hendrickson

Hi Everyone! I received the feedback from everyone and thank you for being so quick to respond. The overall consensus of the show on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> was “Best Show Ever!” New members were pretty much in awe of the time and work that goes into putting on a show and of this magnitude. Some didn't believe that cars would be waiting when they arrived at 6:30. But they were! There were some parking issues that will need to be addressed, but all in all it was a great show with spectacular entertainment. Guess we can put another one under our belt.

Here are some pictures!

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## 50/50 Linda & Arlene



## Our Trivia Guru Jim Sisco



## Very cool car!



## Trophies of Past years!



## Fuzzy & Bonnie busy doing tabulations for trophy's



It was great seeing Ron & Xenia; it's been a very long time. Glad Ron was feeling up to being there.

David was bust with his games, Linda & Jim's son in law Kenny was a brave soul and volunteered to be in the "dunking booth". Linda's friend Marsha "pitched in" (Ha ha) selling 3 balls for \$1 so that Jim & Linda could see Kenny at his best. Jim was willing to pay people to dunk him.

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Shirley's door prizes were again beautiful. She does a great job, but it takes her all year long to collect items and put them together. Xenia thanks for your help in the gazebo.

Bill Guiter was above and beyond. He had trophy's banners, signs, registration stuff, and everything else you could think of that we needed the day of the show in his trailer. He stayed over in the park in his van and in the morning unloaded all the door prizes into the gazebo and put tables out before anyone even got there in the morning.

Pete & I picked up donuts and coffee for the group and arrived at 6:10 (still dark) called Bill to come over to the band shell for coffee & the day began. Everyone started to arrive and the Cruisin' Couples 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show was underway. Thank God the weather was beautiful, not too hot just right. We got out of there a little later than in prior years. By that time everyone was pretty tired & hungry. Some weren't able to eat during the day so they were really starving. Dinner @ Michael's Third Place Restaurant was wonderful. Didn't hear a bad review except that they ran out of Pork Chops for Dennis & Don (must have been the D's) Pete's were very good.

Ken McNeeley was hurting quite a bit by the time the show was over. Probably shouldn't have been on his feet so much. Ken had back surgery not that long ago, hope he feeling better by now. He and Arlene looked

great as Sonny & Cher. Since Rosemary Guiter was unable to attend the show, Melody took her place jumping on Elvis during intermission and being dragged off by the (2) Shabby cops that happened to be on duty (Jim & Bill).

Melody's Daughter Sam & fiancé Paul were there to assist Melody with the 50/50 sales & a great job they did. They took over the golf cart when Melody was on stage during the intermission performance and gladly gave it back to her when she was finished. Again, they did a great job selling chances in such a bad economy. Kudos to the winners, who gave the \$595 back to the Wounded Warriors project.

Vendors we actually spoke to were very pleased with the location and sales that day. Pete & Mike did a great job of parking them without incident.

I was on pre-registration in the back parking lot and that went pretty well. Parking clubs was a little slow and at times we had cars down to the traffic light, but all in all we managed to get everyone parked safely. We had 9 pre-registered not show and 12 pre-registered club registrants not show. Not bad!

Car show people are such generous people and I for one am proud to be a part of this great hobby.

So, thank you everyone for making this another unforgettable car show by a club of 13 members.

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## Cruise news

by  
Melody Peckham

**The cool air is refreshing and gives new life for cruising. Please take a minute to review upcoming events and let me know which ones you plan on attending.**

**10/8 - Palatka - Azalea City Cruisers Annual Car Show**

**10/14-16 - Tampa - Street Rod Nationals**

**10/14-16 - Lakeland - Lake Mirror Classic**

**10/21-23 - Daytona Beach Dream Cruise**

**10/22 - Oxford - Brown's Farm Car Show \*\* Club Event**

**10/29-30 - Ocala Pumpkin Run\*\* Club Event**

**11/5 - Cita - Citra Car Show (a lot of fun) \*\* Club Event**

**11/12 - Sanford - Celery City Cruisers Car Show**

**11/24-27 - Turkey Rod Run with the Gaslight Parade (\*\* Club Event) the evening of 11/25.**

**For the new members, your car must be original (or at least look original) to be in the Gas Light parade. It is a wonderful evening, and even if your car cannot be in the parade, other members have plenty of room for you to ride with them to enjoy the event!**

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