



Cruisin' Couples November 2011 Newsletter

A message from the president

Darlene and I are going through a period of reflection. Spending time rummaging through a trunk full of forgotten pictures in preparation for my sisters memorial makes us aware of those who have gladden our hearts. Family indeed and many of them have passed and several are ailing as well, but I have more pictures of Friends that are or were once Club members than pictures of family. And that doesn't begin to count the pictures of Friends we know because of this hobby. And my family includes 6 kids, 8 grand kids and 5 siblings and a great granddaughter.

Life Is Short

I ran across a quote that speaks to each of us and reminds us to appreciate those who travel with us...

*"Be swift to love! Make haste to be kind ... for no one knows when your time will run out, nor that of those who traveled with you."
"That is time not squandered but time well spent."*

When my time comes, I want a Caravan of Old cars driven by old friends chauffeuring my family to the celebration of my life and some of my favorite music, playing loud. You are part of my DASH!

Looking down the Road

Our membership is ageing and maybe becoming stale in some ways. New Blood has a way of avoiding that. So with the goal of recruiting 5 new members before the end of January I've asked Dick Lake to head up a membership drive. I'm confident the job will

get done and this is the time to do it. Size does matter... No one should have to be asked to be an ambassador for this club but when asked, encourage it and never rebuff a member for trying to bring new members into the club. If you did that it was unbecoming and counterproductive! I chewed on this long enough. Let's come together.

One more time around the block?

Several members and every sponsor that I have delivered "Thank you" plaques to tell me "You can't give this up".

*The surveys that I've received have offered similar comments and encouragement for which I'm grateful. BUT one of our sponsors went one step further and offered to **make the time** and be responsible to solicit and collect half the Sponsors if we do another show. That's rather compelling frankly but it's not something I have on my bucket list. I don't know that **you** want another show next year either. But if **you want it**, I'll go one more time around the block, God willing.*

Duel Club Membership

Well I never thought I'd do it but I Did. Recently I joined another Car Club. It's a Mopar Club with mostly newer Mopars. I have mixed feelings about this in spite of the fact it isn't ever going to compete for my Loyalty to the Cruisin' Couples. But as an officer I'm still conflicted. It's almost like I'm being either a spy or a traitor... It does give me a new perspective about that sort of thing. The Mopar president is interested and

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motivated because it does give me the chance to revive the Club Presidents quarterly meetings as a way to avoid conflicting car show dates ...and get the word out about various events.

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Secretary's Corner, by Pam Hendrickson

Not much news to report this month. The Brown's Farm Car Show in Oxford on 301 was pretty nice. The weather could have been better, but it turned out to be a nice day. Sorry you missed it.

Last weekend was the Ocala Pumpkin Run. It was attended by Hendrickson, Varga, Minnie, Hudson, Peckham, Sisco's & Bucklin, along with friends of David & Shirley's. We went up on Saturday & Sunday for the 3 day event. Friday was a little rainy & some people in the club still work. Here are some pictures Mike Minnie took of the event. Some dressed up, some decorated their cars and everyone had candy for the trunk or treat for the kids that attended the show.



Linda & Jim's Coronet wasn't ready so they brought Katie Bell along for the ride



Mike & Sharon's 55 Chevy back from the repair shop after someone ran into it in the Minnie's driveway. Wonder who that was???? It wasn't Sharon! Bay Street Auto Body did a great job on the repair. As you can see, Mike now has chrome bumpers, not purple anymore.



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Jim looked good with hair! He kept pushing it out of his face for the first time in many years. Didn't get a picture with the mask, but boy could he move that tongue! Just realized his hat matched Mel & Don's car!



Linda, Jim, David, Shirley & Melody just hanging out by the cars.



David & Shirley's trunk or treat



Mel & Don's "dreamsicle", decked out for Halloween



Mike Varga's '57 Ford decorated with spider web, spider & alien giving out candy to the kids.

Everyone had a great time. Food vendors were plentiful, lots of cars to see, & some vendors for the ladies to shop. Everyone signed up for the March 2012 show before we left. It was discounted @ \$20 for the (3) day event instead of \$35. We had 24 for dinner @ St. John's Seafood on 326. Sorry the rest of you missed it.

Please make sure you send Get well wishes to fellow member Xenia Osedach, who has been in the hospital and will not be able to

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make the Christmas party at the Sisco's on December 10th. Linda is still waiting on Emily & Bill Haskins as to whether they will be able to attend also.

Pam & Pete

Party's at the Sisco's are always a real good time. For those that will be attending for the first time try not to miss it. There is always plenty of good food, drink & plentiful desserts made by none other than Jim Sisco himself. Don't forget we will be picking grab bag names at the Citra show this Saturday. If you want to participate and are not coming to the show a name will be picked for you and you will be notified who you will be buying for. This will ensure no one will be without a gift to exchange.

by Cruise Director, Melody Peckham

November 5th - Citra Car Show - Citra Hwy 318 & 301

November 12th - Celery City Cruisers, Sandford

Chili Cook-Off & Car Show - Orange Park

**November 24th - 26th - Turkey Rod Run **
Nov 25th Gas Light Parade**

December 3rd - Twilight Cruisers Toys for Kids - Don GarlitsClub Event**

December 10th - Christmas Party - 2PM Sisco's Home

December 31st - Old Town Kissimme and overnight OR Leesburg - Gator Harley

Here are some celebrations fro November!



Happy Birthday!

November 19th Pete Hendrickson



Happy Anniversary!

November 21st Melody & Don Peckham

Well, hope to see you tomorrow in Citra or the Christmas Party, have a great Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Let me know who would be interested in bringing in the New Year @ Old Town. We did it one year past and we had a really good time

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Even if you are not attending the Turkey Rod, you can still come to the Gas Light Parade. If your car is or looks original it can be in the parade...If not, hitch a ride with another club member!

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