

BLUFF COUNTRY CRUISER'S NEWSLETTER--DECEMBER 2006



I'm sitting here wondering why we always put our "toys" away so early. Ron always says November 1st. and for the send year we could have cruised for another month! Just typical, right?

Got Brad married and gained a very nice daughter-in-law, so now I'm finally getting time to get the final newsletter out.

Our cruises on Sunday and Friday nights went fairly well when weather permitted, with usually six to eight cars. Cruises to Long John Silvers were always packed and of course our final outing had twenty-one cars and even my in-laws cruised in their 41 Chevy. There are plans for next year of Culver's doing a cruise night too so that will be known after the first of the year.

The car show was successful again with sixty-three cars and tractors too. We have had some meetings about next years show and have eliminated a few classes and combined some others. Committees have been formed also: Car Classification: Dell Fossum & Jerry Donlan; Sponsors and Trophies: Dennis Ruffridge; Food and door prizes: Phyllis Elsbernd; still to be done a grounds committee and advertising. Members will be contacted to volunteer. We are also going to try and approach businesses with \$ 1.00 tickets to buy and give to people ahead of time to "cushion" our gate intake. **CAR SHOW DATE IS JUNE 10, 2007.**

Our club is also trying to sell our tent for \$ 200.00. If interested, pictures are available and you may contact Bill at 1-866-382-8290 or Phyllis at 563-562-3753.

Our cruise turned out to be rainy but twenty-one cars braved it. It was decided to leave out of West Union next year and maybe reversing the cruise route. **DATE IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2007.** Thanks to a very observant Howard County Treasurer and his wife, Duane Einck was presented with his hub cap upon returning to the Tapt' Out in a special ceremony.

Our president has a new name "HOP ALONG BILL", seems the ladder got the best of him and broke his foot; surgery and crutches and he's on the road to recovery; haven't heard anything different.

Here is a summary of our various disbursements from our show and cruise: \$ 50.00 with help from Radio Shack (GPS to Blufton and Burr Oak 1st. Responders) \$ 150.00 to the West Union Fire Department, \$ 150.00 to the West Union Chamber of Commerce for the downtown improvement fund, \$ 250.00 for 10 \$ 25.00 chamber bucks for the elderly, \$ 250.00 for gifts for 2 families for Christmas through Community Action. We still have \$ 400.00 to disburse so bring your ideas to the Christmas Party.

We have five new members: Randy Logsdon, Kim Meyer, Warren Steffens, Stacey Ryan and Mick Gamez.

That pretty much summarizes the activities for the club for the year. Congratulations to all who won trophies at various shows, and I'm always grateful to have Michele do our Newsletters. Thanks again.

If any of you are busy this winter our son Brad bought a 1968 Pontiac Firebird Convertible he's restoring, the pay probably isn't so great but "dumb" conversation always available!

See you in 2007