



DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Wow! Where did the year go? We really had a great year for cruising but I guess we could thank the weather man for that! May started out with a picnic at Doug and Mary Lou Egeland's with the Guttenberg Car Club joining us. Fun time was had by all. Next years date will be June 9th, as the month of May is very busy for them....Thanks again Egeland's for hosting this.

We continued to have our cruises at Long John Silvers and Culvers with good attendance. Same dates next year; Cresco the last Wednesday of the month and Culvers the second Tuesday of the month. On that topic, the first club meeting for 2013 will be April 9th.

The end of June we took off on our overniter planned by Duane and Nora. Our coffee/donut stop was at the park in Oelwein which brought back fond memories of "outhouses". On to Vinton for dinner then to the Amana Colonies. We stayed in Cedar Rapids overnite then went to Anamosa to visit the National Motorcycle Museum and the State Penetentiary which was very interesting. If you get a chance check out our club scrapbook for pictures. Next year Bob, Michele, Ron and I are going to plan the overniter going out west toward Manly. Dates will be in the spring newsletter.

The July car show was the best we have had in years and the weather even cooperated, with host cars we had 92 cars. Next year we will be adding a class 2000-present which should take care of the newer Cameros and others that really aren't considered classics. Next years car show is scheduled for July 14th.

The last week in July Jerry Donlan set up a cruise to Leroy, Mn., to Young's Kustoms Inc., this is a restoration shop. He is doing a car for him; a very impressive business. The gracious hostess's furnished snacks and beverages for us. Thanks Jerry!

September was a beautiful cruise for our poker run. We had a very good turnout. Thanks Ron and Phyllis, Tom and Pam for doing this. Even kept Grandpa in sight!

At our October meeting we disbursed our profits for the year \$ 1,000.00 which went to the following: Breast Cancer \$ 250.00; Inwood in Spillville \$ 200.00; Mark Newman Benefit

\$ 100.00; Dan Jones Benefit \$ 125.00; Kaitlyn Quandahl Benefit \$ 125.00; and the Alzheimers Walk \$ 100.00. So give yourselves a big pat on the back for a job well done.

If anyone is interested we will have forms available for shirts and sweatshirts. We will collect checks for them the nite of the Christmas party so I don't have to be contacting people later for the money.

Our trip in October to Balltown was very scenic again. We were in the basement this year so missed out on Mike's funny jokes. Maybe next year!

You can all rest a little easier as the officers have graciously volunteered another year of their services. Don Kelly – President; Tom Gayther – Vice President; Phyllis Elsbernd – Secretary and Nora Hemesath – Treasurer. We will however, have to replace four people whose terms are up on the board of directors. They are Warren Steffans, Greg Hanson, Don Kelly and Curt Gjere. Those remaining are Michele and Ron Elsbernd, Darrell Samuelson and Duane Einck. This will be done at the X-mas Party in January.

Speaking of Duane.....there will be a SURPRISE 70th. BIRTHDAY PARTY for him. December 8th., starting at 6:00 at Bambino's in Ossian. If you can't attend cards can be sent to him at P.O. Box 315, Ossian, IA 52161.

We mourned the loss of one of our own Audrey (Toots) Schroeder, wife of Karl. What a remarkable woman who was a trooper to the very end. Our club donated money to breast cancer in her memory.

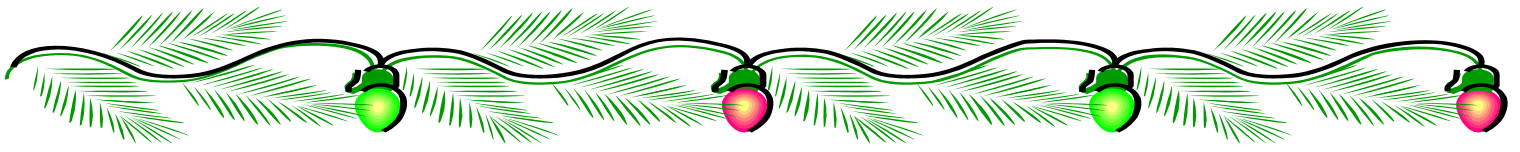
Enclosed is your invitation to the Christmas Party. Again this year, one check can be made to the Bluff Country Cruisers for your meals and the \$ 20.00 membership. Speaking of reservations, could you please try to call even if its early so I don't have to make calls so close to the date. THANKS! If you aren't attending dues can be mailed to me at P.O. Box 204, Calmar, IA 52132.

As Christmas approaches I leave you with this thought: May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, it's friendships stronger, and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

Merry X-mas and a Joyous New Year

Don Kelly Tom Gayther

Phyllis Elsbernd Nora Hemesath



You're Invited

To Our

BLUFF COUNTRY CRUISERS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

January 12, 2012

Train Station – Calmar

Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Dinner at 7:00

Cost is \$ 12.00 which includes drink, tax and tip

1 free drink ticket for each person

Dues payable at \$ 20.00, dues and meal can be one check

payable to the Bluff Country Cruisers

Menu:

Chicken, Fish, Ham, Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Pea Salad, Fruit Fluff, Rolls,

Coffee and Milk

RSVP to Phyllis by January 9, 2012 at 563-562-3753

Optional \$ 15.00 gift exchange

