

Timber Cruisers Car Club Meeting

August 8, 2023

Attendees

Jerry Foster	Alan & Paula Fong	Deb Rife
Don & Christine McLean	Steve & Karen Edmonds	Mel & Sue Towne
Margarette Craig	Steve & Kathy Oliver	Jeremy Haladyna
Jason Harmon	Diane Dalton	Ed & Dixie Lund
Arlan & Mary Ann Miesner	Richard & Debby Comstock	Loyd Hoke
Mike & Corliss Howard	Gary & Jan Koegler	Jim & Sally Coxen
John & Virginia Lackey	Daniel Arroyo-Valenzuela	

Call to Order

President, Richard Comstock, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He told members that the winners of the auction items from the raffle would be announced at the end of the meeting, and that they need to pay Paula.

Minutes

Steve Oliver moved and Jim Coxen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th meeting as mailed. **The motion passed.**

Financial Report

Treasurer, Paula Fong, reported that the club's bank balance is \$11,412.52.

New Business

Jim Coxen announced that our next burger cruise will be on Wednesday, August 16th to C-Zers Drive In in Elgin. We will meet at Walmart and leave at 12:00.

The Union Car Show is this Saturday, August 12th. We will meet at the Truck Stop to leave at 8:00am.

Shop Talk

Steve Oliver reported that he has all new tires on his Charger after a blowout following the car show in Hermiston. Jim Coxen reminded members that if they have Craiger or other specialty wheels and their spare tire has a regular wheel, that the lug nuts are not interchangeable, as Steve found out after his blowout. Steve Edmonds added that it is important not to put too much torque on the lug nuts, and they should be rechecked after 100 miles or so. Arlan shared that when he had a new wheel put on his car, he took it back three times to have it checked.

Thanks to all who took cars to Blue Mountain Outfitters last Thursday. Mary Ann reported that it was part of the “Sip and Shop” sponsored by the Chamber, and also a statewide economic development conference being held in La Grande.

Car Show Recap

Mary Ann reported that we had 188 registered cars and 28 host cars for a total of 216. She added that of those, 124 were from out of town. We made approximately \$3,000 in profit.

Arlan said he made a list of the good and bad aspects of the show.

For Friday night the good things were:

- Great number of cars
- Club members interaction with participants
- Extra help for Mary Ann from Deb Howard and Karen Edmonds at the registration table
- Selling t-shirts and raffle tickets (we’ve not sold raffle tickets on Friday in years past)

The “not so good”

- Food – Paula explained that it was mostly due to a lack of communication. The vendor had planned on just half a sandwich per person, which was not adequate, so they had to make and bring more. Also they did not do any of the set up, serving or clean up, so members had to do that.
- Shave Ice trailer was pulled forward too far and someone with a car trailer hit it.
- Need a longer registration table.

Arlan added that members were good hosts, and Jim said people enjoyed coming here.

Deb Rife asked if Crazy Days would be held on a different day from the car show next year. Mary Ann said that they had considered that, but decided to have it on the same day. However, they will set up on the side streets instead of on Adams. Mary Ann will attend their meetings next year so that the communication is better and we all understand what’s going on.

Saturday “good”

- Parking went well – 3 rows instead of 2
- All t-shirts sold
- Raffle went well using two locations
- Poker walk
- Judges finished on time
- Drone coverage for the entire show – posted on our website
- Music and speakers good

- Virginia said we had 4 new restaurants for Saturday night and they all did very well.
- Dixie reported that the raffle brought in more money than ever before. We will be sending a little over \$2,000 to the food bank!

“Not so good”

- Deb Rife needed more help during the Cruise for Cash.
- Bubble machine
- Awards started 10 minutes late and there was a mix up with trophies and plaques for sponsors. Arlan said that we will just take more time next year.
- Arlan feels that all raffle items should be given out at the show – none left over

Mel said he had several inquiries about restrooms, and Mary Ann said that information is included in the goodie bags.

Steve Oliver said there were a few cars that were not registered, and Daniel felt they should be sent back.

The motels’ price gouging was mentioned, and Mary Ann shared that she has talked with the Cove Ascension School and they have rooms for \$40/night. She added that our registration forms have a list of lodging options.

Mary Ann said that we need to do research on catering options for next year. She also suggested that we have the poker cruise on Friday evening instead of Saturday. We could return to Riverside Park and have ice cream while she tallies the results. Arlan agreed that that was a good idea, and that awards could be given at 2:30 instead of 2:00.

Other Suggestions -

- Better exit plan after the show
- More members at awards presentation
- Have the crosswalk beepers turned off
- Canopies for shade
- More judges
- Have a couple of golf carts for the judges
- Have American flags flying

Arlan shared that the person who received the Police Chief Award was really pleased. He was from Kennewick, and Arlan had attended their show and spoken to him. He loved our show. Arlan also attended the car show in Caldwell and several people from there attended our show. He stressed how important it is for members to attend other shows to promote our show.

Arlan said that he advertised our show in the Northwest Classic Auto Mall this year. He had it sent out 2 times at a cost of only \$20. He may have it sent out 3 times next year.

Raffle

Dixie announced winners of the raffle auction, and members received their items and paid Paula.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Richard adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

Our next meeting will be September 12th at Cock n Bull Restaurant – dinner at 5:00 and meeting at 6:00.