



Cool Cruisers Member's Annual Meeting/Christmas Party Issue 396 December 02 2023

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MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY:

President John Carpenter called the 396th Members' Meeting of the Cool Cruisers Car Club to order at 12:00 PM, in conjunction with the club's Christmas Party. John was ordered to keep his report short as some of the members here are in the Christmas Parade at 4PM. Dino Gorge is one and he has not missed a parade this year and we gave him the title of Cool Cruiser Executive Parade Director (Also he has been able to go to two car shows and a cruise in on the same day). Welcome all, and Merry Christmas to all.

A huge thank you to Sindy Landreth and her committee of Deb Pelligrini, and Jack Germann for a great Christmas Party. Another awesome job.

Board Chairmen Ryan Miller thanked everyone for supporting the club.

Vice President Sindy Landreth presented John Carpenter with a new orange T-Shirt with 200 on it, John had a goal of having 200 members in the club by the end of 2023, and it happened. Thanks to all old and new members who made this possible.

Treasurer Melissa Roberts reported that the club is strong Financially and is in great shape.

Secretary Mary Ann Archer is retiring after 20 years of service to the club, she stated earlier that she has seen the good, the bad and the ugly, the bad and ugly is behind us and the good is before us. At that time John presented Mary Ann with a token of appreciation honoring her for her years of service. Thanks.

Media Director Jim Gatlin reported the website is in great shape.

Membership Director Mike Roberts reported that we have 218 paid members.

We have a new Cruise Director, Ralph Billings, thanks Ralph, where are we going?

John Carpenter started the annual report by going over our accomplishments for the year and recognizing the crew who made these events happen.

Club Officers:

V.P. Sindy Landreth

Treasurer Melissa Roberts

Secretary Mary Ann Archer (Deb Pelligrini will be the new secretary)

Chairman of Board Ryan Miller (Ryan was also, nominated for Citizen of the year by the Springfield Police Department) congratulation Ryan.

Media Director Jim Gatlin

Membership Director Mike Roberts

Director Tom Tapocik

Director Greg Cooper

Director Jerry Landreth

Director Deb Pellegrini

Director Derek Roberts

Director Dino George

A great bunch of volunteers:

Jack Germann

Francis Gatlin

Jeff & Cassie Langley

Shell Lea

These members and many more have stepped up and helped many times over as you will see when reviewing the stats for the year.

All in all, it was the best year we have had:

Started the cool cash giveaways (will have it back for 2024, as it will be our 35 anniversary, we will have 6 drawings at \$35.00 each).

Inaugural Swap Meet – anticipated 25 to 30 vendors, we had 71.

First members fish fry – 104 in attendance – plan on having another in 2024.

Cruise in attendance – 1322 club record

Largest single donation to a charity - \$12,463 club record

Donations to charities for 2023 - Over \$21,000 is another club record.

Donations made to:

\$250.00	Wes Barr Foundation
\$1,675.00	Hooligan car club – for a little girl with birth defects
\$250.00	Knights of Columbus can food for food bank
\$2,000.00	WILD animal rescue
\$12,463.00	Simmons Cancer Institute
\$200.00	Rt 97 Crusaders Toy Drive
\$250.00	Northside Church of Christ
\$1,000.00	Habitat for Humanity
\$1,000.00	St. Jude's
\$1,000.00	State Trooper Kody Chapman Green
\$250.00	landmark Ford food panty

For the years of 2022 and 2023 we have made right at \$42,000 in donation to charities, pretty darn good for just a little car club. If you attended a cruise in, bought a 50/50 ticket or bought a t shirt or cap, thank you. You are the ones who made these donations possible, every penny we made on registration, 50/50, and merchandise sales we donated all of it to charities.

This would not have been possible if not for our awesome sponsors who make it possible to donate everything we earn. Thank you, Steve and Karen Goulden at Vern's Auto they have helped out since day 1 of my presidency and the same for Phile Novak, Inclusion City Cars and Coffee, Phoenix Collision, Jenifer Sellers State Farm Insurance, E.L. Pruitt, Street Art, Premiere Vision, Northside Towing, Landmark Ford, Service Masters, Motorheads and Recon Tech. Thank you sponsors, please support them sponsors,

We had a moment of silence to remember and honor Jane and Jim Mihalich and all other cruisers who are no longer with us.

And with the relief of all Greg Cooper led us in prayer, blessing us and the great food prepared by Cook's Restaurant. We all ate too much.

We had a great quarter and silent auction. Lots of prizes and happy cruisers with their winnings.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all Cool Cruisers who are celebrating either/or a birthday/anniversary in December 2023, January, and February 2024.

Check out the website (www.coolcruisersclub.com) as it gets updated with our 2024 events.

To John Carpenter a huge thank you for another awesome year. Let us know your goals for 2024 and whatever they are we will be with you. The Club Members.

THE OFFICERS OF THE COOL CRUISERS WISHES EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Next Meeting:

There will not be a membership meeting in January and February 2024, the next one will be March 5th, 2024.

Adjournment: Have a great Holiday everyone, be safe and see you all next year.



