

Union County Timber Cruisers Car Club

July 12, 2011 Meeting

Minutes

24 members present

President Steve Bloyed opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were skipped as attention was focused on the positives and negatives of Saturday's Grande Ronde-a-Vies car show held during Crazy Days.

POSITIVES:

- The editorial in Tuesday's La Grande Observer newspaper gave a glowing report concerning Crazy Days and the influence of the U.C.T.C.C.C. and our car show upon it.
- It was reported that this year's event drew more people than any other event, including Christmas, to the downtown businesses.
- Out of 102 registrants, at least 101 who attended the weekend event were "very happy."
- The water donor has decided to increase his donation of 15 cases this year, to 20 cases next year.
- The drive-in manager, Edna, has indicated plans to show current movies next year; she was pleased with the soft drink concessions 'take.'
- Meals served by Sidney Gleeson were well received.
- Extra donations were made to Sidney for Meals on Wheels.
- Eric Nelson introduced a new member, Jared Rudd, to the club. Jared recently bought Eric's Ford Torino.

NEGATIVES: (by an attendee)

- Multiple awards given to one recipient "shouldn't have happened" (Because of overlapping awards, best Mopar, best in class, People's Choice, Best in Show, etc., this is inevitable.)
- Quiz found on phone computers...didn't approve of the way we chose the winner. (Looks like a "can't win" situation.)
- Why were no T-shirts given out? "Last year's T-shirts faded so badly after one wash, they couldn't be worn again." (Ditto above.)

SUGGESTIONS:

- Registration forms should carry prominent disclaimer: "Judges decisions are final."
- Under judging criteria: Painted and/or Chrome.
- If a participant wants to compete in judging, they must have hood and trunk open.
- So all can hear music speakers on Adams St. (DJ-ing may go to Chuck Gray next year.)
- Live entertainment at cross-street.
- Additional sponsors for individual items.
- Car show signage before exits on freeway.
- Should have a meeting one week prior to car show to bring everyone up to speed.
- Communication needs to be improved.
- Info sheets with event times, locations, etc., to all club members.
- "First come, first served" concerning parking on Adams St.

CONCERNS: (for Friday night at Drive-in)

- Registrants might have trouble finding the Drive-in if they come from out of town.
- Spectators don't know to go inside the Drive-in to view cars.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wendell Rock, our guest from the Texaco Station, advised us that his lease would soon be ending and he would be leaving the Station. He encouraged club members to consider taking on the role of managing and running the station for Father Hank. It was the consensus that, as much as we want to see the station continue, it was not something the club wanted to venture into. John Lackey made a motion to that effect, seconded by many, and Steve Bloyed volunteered to tell Wendell that we must decline the offer. Hopefully, someone will take on the lease that will allow us to continue our Friday night cruise-in socials.

A motion was made by Mary Ann Meisner and seconded by Dave McClay that we move the car show from the first weekend after the 4th of July to the 2nd weekend of July. Discussion followed. Currently the show is competing with close proximity car shows such as Boise and Hermiston, and also with the Elgin Stampede. In addition, the Main Street Board runs Crazy Days and the current manager of the event is Darcy Bloom, who has indicated she no longer plans on doing Crazy Days. There is the option of the car club taking on the Crazy Days event. This would be a positive in that we would have control of placement of cars, vendors, etc., and recruiting non-profit groups to take over certain aspects of the downtown events. The down side for us is not knowing for certain the manpower that would be required of UCTCCC to pull it off. It was suggested that we table the motion and give ourselves until our next meeting to have time to consider the best course of action. Mary Ann will be meeting with the Main Street Board on Wednesday, July 13th. Carolyn Bloyed made a motion, seconded by Janis Bozarth, that Mary Ann request the "right of first refusal" of the Main Street Board concerning management of Crazy Days. Motion carried. We will then discuss what we can do before going forward. Arlan and Mary Ann have indicated they would be willing to manage the Crazy Days event and Steve Bloyed said he would be willing to step into their shoes by heading up the car show next year.

Glenda and Merv Cutright thanked everyone for their condolences and support through cards and flowers in the recent loss of their daughter, Mary.

A thank you was also expressed to Jim McElroy in the donation of note pads, high visibility street crew vests with embroidered club insignia, and for supplying Thank-you cards for UCTCCC use. It is appreciated.

Names were drawn for 7 left-over raffle items.

John Lackey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Bloyed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheralyn Weller

Secretary, Pro Tem on behalf of Janis Bozarth