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## Letter from the ed:

Well here we are at the start of another year. Let's hope it is even bigger and better than last year! Did you all get some nice cruiser goodies off Santa? I hope so and am looking forward to seeing some of them.

I see that lots of different get togethers and meetings are being arranged by our wonderful members. A big 'Thank You' to all those putting in time and effort to put them together. The ideas and diversity that is happening now with regards to meetings never fails to amaze me.

Preparations for Picnic in the Park 3 are underway and we will keep you posted on these. I know that many of us who stay in the hotel are already booked in, shall we try and fill it?

If anyone requires 'spotter cards' and are not on the internet please telephone me and I will get some to you.

We are still looking for area reps for Sussex, Norfolk and Lincolnshire. If anyone is willing to take these areas on please let one of the club organisers know.

Well I think I've covered all I have to say so read on...

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*Note: Member profiles are becoming VERY popular...you will notice there are two in this issue. If you would like to have your profile printed in a future issue, please send details to Pat (contact details on Page 1)*

### **MEMBER PROFILE – SANDRA JOHNSTONE**

Hello- here's another member of the clan – no 306. Sandra Johnstone, divorced, two teenage children a mother and two tortoises! I live in Esher, Surrey.

How did I get to buy my "individual" car? Well due to a major health diagnosis two years ago I decided to sell my house and move into my mothers' larger place (she's not quite over the shock yet!) I then decided as I had some extra cash I deserved to treat myself to a new car. I'm not a snob about cars – in my 35 years of driving I have driven anything from vans; estates; saloons to sportscars! However my daughter talked me into buying a Honda CRV. I got one in **green** – my downfall – as everyone kept telling me this was an unlucky colour! Hence in only three weeks a woman driver (yes, I'm not biased!) decided to smash into me at a red light – front and back crunched!! I drove back home shocked and depressed and noticed this beautiful apparition in silver at the opposite lights. It looked like an old gangsters car, like a 1940-1950's classic car – what is **that** I thought?

The next day the local paper came through the door and leafing through it was **that** car. I told my mother "**THAT'S** the car I really want so she suggested I call up the local dealer, where there is a big American community. I went down the next day and as I walked through the door suddenly saw this red dream parked in front of me called "Independence" with the USA flag embossed on the grill, beautiful red wheels, silver trim, spoiler, smoked windows and even an old fashioned gearknob with a beautiful grey leather interior. (Excuse me if I don't get the terminology correct – but I am a woman after all!)



The salesman hooked me in 3 minutes (but in a *nice* way!) and I had to have **that** car. My only worry was – am I too old (at 54) to be driving this funky car? My salesman argued the point that old men drive sports cars!! (enough said!) I also decided that as I had lived in New York for 7 years in the 1970's I had an affinity towards the Americans and was entitled to fly their flag. (The only slight embarrassment was after September 11<sup>th</sup> I think people thought I'd put it on as a tribute!) Anyway I made a salesman very happy who said if only all customers could be as decisive as me!!

Well the car was delivered on my birthday in September and I was driving everywhere I could – didn't even mind when the kids asked me to taxi them somewhere! People have talked about the crowds of heads turning – and they do! I get little school boys on their way to school screaming "wow – a gangster car!" Elderly people loving the shape; people admiring the wonderful red, and coming up and asking me all about it. (My son is having driving lessons but I told him he's not practising in my Cruiser!) My daughter is the only 'apathetic' one who gets embarrassed driving around with the US Flag! She's still nagging me to get a Beetle or new Mini.

But no way, even after getting my bumper knocked **twice** by the woman I work for, on her drive, which broke my heart and make me angry – \*plus I have a bad leak in the roof when it rains hard and a dodgy handbrake (which are to be looked into again shortly) and having a bad steering wheel lock so people think you're a useless driver in a car park – or is it just me? (*No, it's not just you!!! PT has a BIG turning circle!*) I still love my "Independence", my classic car. I hope in 2030 someone is still loving polishing it every Sunday and heads are still turning!!

Hope to meet up with some of you on a meet if I don't get lost on the motorway. I am always flashing other Cruisers down my way – started my own club!

\*update: Sandra's dealers had her PT for 2 weeks(!) and still couldn't find the problem with the handbrake, although found a problem with the foot brake, a worn pad on a brand new car...and also claim to have tested the sunroof with carwashes, heavy water hoses etc. and can't find a problem with that either!

## MEMBER PROFILE – KERRY MAY GREEN

### **Regaining Your Identity!**

Just over two years ago I was nameless! Referred to in conversation as Russell's wife or Chris' mum, driving around in a very conservative 1.6 ford escort. As the 21<sup>st</sup> century was approaching I decided that there had to be more to life than the school run and the PTA, domesticity was not, and is not my forte, (If you meet my hubby at any of the meets he will vouch for me!)

I needed to go back to work, so I applied to Essex Ambulance Service, as you do! Much to everyone's amazement I got through the interviews, and then the training course, and then the advanced driving course, and to celebrate my hubby decided that I would need a reliable car. Good-bye ford escort, Hello . . . . . Vauxhall Vectra?????? Well, it was reliable, and it was sensible, and it always started at half four in the morning, but, well, you know!

Russell began telling people his wife was a glorified road sweeper, the children became obsessed with trying to get gory details of my work to terrorise their classmates with, and I was well on my way to having some sort of identity again, but something was missing.

We then went on holiday to Canada. Whilst out there I noticed there were a few of these retro cars driving around, we saw them at car shows we went to, and the penny dropped! A modern woman needs a cool car! We were staying with my uncle, and he persuaded his friend, a dealer of the local Chrysler garage to let us take a cruiser out for a spin, it was the 2.4 automatic, and I was in love!

So on our return to England, I popped into our local dealer and decided to enquire on the PT. The dealer was fairly helpful, but suggested that if I was serious perhaps I should go home and speak to my husband! Funnily enough, as a self proclaimed modern woman, I decided his attitude sucked! So surfed the internet and found the answer to all my prayers! A black PT, the ex-demo, complete with rear spoiler, chrome wheels, tinted windows, colour coded mirrors and bumpers, and parking pilot, ( I may be a modern woman, but we still need help reverse parking!).

Two weeks later my beast arrived, and the transformation was complete, I had my own identity again. I am no longer Russell's wife, no, I am now known as the nurse in a hearse! The car has become somewhat of a local celebrity. Recently I was buying kebabs for dinner, (I said I didn't do domestic) and one chap had wanted to meet me, and compliment me on the chrome I'd put on the car, whilst another lady said her children keep nagging her to get a cool car like the lady round the corner! In fact, one of the mothers at the school thinks I'm very brave to drive such a car?!?!

I have not had any problems, niggles , squeaks, or rattles with my PT. I brought it from Hadleigh Carport in Chelmsford, but they have opened a branch in Ipswich now, so the servicing is done there. Apart from the chrome accessories, the only alteration I would make is to change it from petrol to gas. But Chrysler's are currently to 'clean' to qualify for a grant to help towards the cost. As yet I have only managed to make it to one meet, (PITP 2) because of my shift pattern at work, but this is a small price to pay when I can spend my life driving eye-catching vehicles!

Happy cruising!

Kerry May pictured here with her eye-catching vehicles! *Note the registration K999 PTC*



## PREVIOUS CRUISES AND MEETINGS

### Steel City Cruise Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2002



This was a weekend event and we were kindly invited to attend on the Sunday by one of our members (mustang) who coincidentally owns a...Mustang.....

On Saturday I decided to drop in at the showground and see what was going to be happening and make arrangements regarding where we were going to park up 24 Cruisers. I arrived at the venue to find that there were only a handful of cars present. Oh Oh...what I have let myself in for here I thought? This is going to be a disaster, I'll never live it down. So I sought out the organiser, who informed me that 200+ American Classic cars had just gone off Cruising!!!!!! She gave me directions and off we went to track them down, they had all congregated in a large lorry park on an industrial estate just outside Rotherham. We arrived to hear the sounds of a rock 'n' roll band hammering it out full tilt. The first thing I noticed was a Cruiser, so we carded it. After eventually finding Graeme (Mustang) in the pub, he introduced us to a few owners/members and showed us his wonderful Mustang. We left after an hour having seen some wonderful classics cars, Well we to save something for tomorrow.

Sunday morning...7:00am..Sunshine through my window..lets hope it lasts!!! 7:15am..no time for breakfast.....got to get outside, Scarlett needs washing and polishing...8:00am..call Josh and Jess...get them sorted...all going well...until 8:45am...Ruby calls from Woolley Edge services on M1..."Ginger, J34 is closed"...Hmmm.....that's a bit of a bummer because J34 is where everyone is going to leave the M1 to meet at C'Entertainment Complex.....Right ...put up a post on forum.....probably too late, everyone will be well on their way by now....call Shell and the convoy coming south, they're probably still only on A1 and can make a detour...What about P5ULK, who's coming north? Will he have seen the signs? Were there any? Better just call him to make sure and give him directions to come off M1 earlier...Right that's sorted....I'd better get on my own way then.....I arrived to find that Elaine and Ray (with his nice new bra, all is explained below) were already at C'Entertainment. Elaine had driven from Otley (good northern named town), so I ask her which way she had come as J34 was closed..."Well it said it was closed" she replied..."but when we got there, it wasn't"!!!!!!



Rays new Stars and Stripes Bra

T20 (Chris), David and Jen arrive. All present and correct, time to head off to meet up with everyone else. On the way we pass a Patriot Blue Cruiser going the other way. so we pull over while he turns around. No need to have worried about the others, when we get there P5ULK and company have arrived safely and so has Ruby. No sign of the NE Northern contingent yet though. The show field is packed with around 250+ American Classics and Rods, including a 57 Chevy which belongs to one of our members, Glyn from Rotherham.



Gradually everyone shows up and during the course of the day/afternoon 25 Cruisers turned up...**one minus a Cruiser...** Where did you hide that GREY Mondeo Janner...and WHY didn't you come on the bike instead!!!! Explanation needed here. Janners' Cruiser was at the dealers WAITING to have its bushes and track rod ends replaced. The previous day he had been advised not to travel, but being the dedicated Cruiser that he is, he came in a Mondeo☺ It was nice to see

some 'old' faces that had not been seen in a while, sign up 2 new members and to meet some members who were at their first meets, notably Mike Devereux, Baydreamer (Tracey) and Daron, Mark Holmes, PC (Paul) and Rio with his young son (below).



Unfortunately the weather was not too kind to us. It was cold and we had showers throughout the afternoon, but hey we wouldn't want to disappoint you southerners who think it's always cold and miserable up north ☺

As usual the Infernal brigade were out in force and out numbered all other PT's by 2-1.



Those who attended were as follows:

**12 Infernals...**Ginger, The Cheshire Cruisers, Ruby, daveed/Jen, Gremlin, T20, Alty, Colin/Molly, George/Carol, Mick Allen, Chris (new member) and Paul (PC)

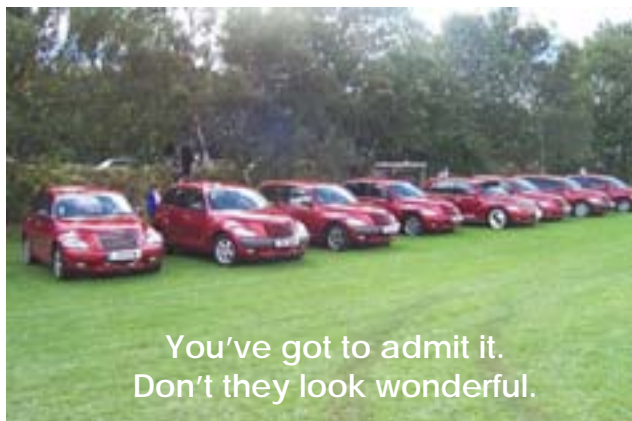
**4 Black...**Ghost, Jez, George, Ray and P5ULK /Lorraine

**3 Silver...**Nal/Shell, RIO and Mike Devereux

**3 Patriot Blue...**Mark Holmes, Big AL and Mick

**1 Steel Blue...**Baydreamer

**1 Almond.**Elaine



# Ginger

### A few quotes from the forum:

**Alty:** Thanks for a great day a pity about the weather though - and guess who forget his jacket - still it made me buy the RED polo shirt I had promised myself and it helped keep me a little warmer.

**Daveed:** It was a good event, that would have been VERY good with better weather. Definitely worth doing again next year.

**P5ULK.** Great show, great people, c\*\*p weather.

**RubyCruiser.** Yes it was a bit cold but we still had a nice time. Great to see everyone again even if just to say hi and bye!

**CheshireCruiser.** Another good day & some new faces.

**Ghost.** Glad I made it, nice to see you all again. It was a bit too cold for me

## Leeds: Saturday night Cruise 12th October 2002

This is held at Burger King, B&Q depot just off M621 at J1 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting at around 7:00/7:30pm.

There isn't much I can tell you about this apart from a couple of posts on the forum. I was going to go, then I wasn't, then I was. But after spending 80 minutes on the M1 north and getting only 10 miles I decided to turn around and go home. Something to do with Gareth Gates I was told!!!!

Three Cruisers turned up:

PC and Rubycruiser, both Inferno's and Elaine (ET) in her Almond Cruiser.

Quotes from the forum:

**PC:**

There were about 50 cars including 3 cruisers.

**Rubycruiser:**

Nice to see all those amazing cars, the one with the parachute was awesome!...Oh and it was FREEZING!

# Blackpool Illuminations Cruise

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2002

### BLACKPOOL ROCKS

Saturday morning:s

Alarm set for 6:30am .....First thing.....look out of the window....foggy ☹ We're going to have to leave a bit earlier....Wake up Josh and Jess (Josh's cousin)... .. "Dad, you said you'd call us at 7:30am. It's only 6:45am!"

Check the web site. Anyone else coming? Anyone dropped out? Anyone else to meet at Birch or on the M6 at Lindsey Charnock services or whatever it's called!

Check my list. Where did I put it! Camera, go and get your camera, don't forget the camera and spare batteries, but put the kettle on first and make a flask of coffee...get distracted. Jess has pulled the flush while Josh is in the shower..Brrrrrrrrrr...biscuits, take some biscuits, can't have coffee without biscuits.

7:30 am and it's time for the off. The fogs cleared a bit so I decide to go across country, the scenic route via Huddersfield. Yes believe it or not the drive from Sheffield is absolutely stunning on a cold October morning. The sun is shining and I think what a glorious picture the hills would make.....Then I remembered.....that I had forgotten the camera.....apologise to the kids for a few choice swear words muttered under my breath.

We arrived at Birch bang on time, 9:00am. As usual Elaine (ET) is the first to arrive and is already there in her Almond Cruiser. I think she must be a bit like my dad., leave 3 hours earlier than need be, 'just in case'. ☺ Then Ady (r8wax) arrives and we get our first sight of his Yellow New York Style taxi cab PT.



The kids love it. It looks brilliant, but no time to admire it yet, others are arriving: Rubycruiser, daveed, Mustang and finally PC comes plodding in. Get them all 'ticked off' and get five quid off each of them to pay for the pleasure and convenience of parking up on the promenade on Sunday.

*Ady, ET (Elaine) in the front... Ruby and her son Mark in the back.*

9:30am.....7 Cruisers. All present and correct Capt Mainwaring. This is like a military operation Check the map, off to Richard Charnley Services, or whatever it's called to meet AJ and Alty. "Who's leading?".."You are Ginger" says David....Cruising along the M61, listening to Red Hot Chilli Peppers, first call of the day. "Ginger, how ya doing bud?"..It's Bris wanting to know how we're getting on, what the weather was like and wishing he was in the line of PT's I could see stretching out behind me in my wing mirror. I'm so busy chatting I almost miss the signs to the M6. "Send us a mucky postcard" he says. (sorry mate I forgot, was having too much fun.)

We get on the M6 and I'm driving along thinking "I'm sure we're further up than J27/28 where we're supposed to be meeting the others!" The phone goes, it's Ruby, "Ginger, do you know....." No problem, we're well ahead of schedule, so we go up to J30 and turn around and pass a couple of Cruisers going the other way. Another phone call. It's AJ. 10:00am and he's still only at J15! So we decide it's best for us to go without him. 10:15am. Everything's going like clockwork. We pull into Charnock Richard services, (so that's what it's called!) and immediately spot 2 Cruisers: Alty's Infernal K800L PT and Trevor and Helens Steel Blue Cruiser. Get them 'ticked off' ....and it's time to get going up to J32 and the Ibis Hotel. Josh is in charge of reading out instructions that were kindly done by Steve, Blackpool Cruiser.

What a sight. The suns breaking through and there are about 15 Cruiser there already. A quick hello to everyone and time to get them 'ticked' off. Janner is there in his tasty 'new' Cruiser doing his Del Boy bit from the boot of his PT selling the club flags that Kruserfan had organised and had arrived just in time. (There are still some left BTW..£10 each.)

11:45am...Time to head off to Hatfields. . Off we go, about 25 Cruisers.

I'm leading. Turn left out of the hotel say the instructions, so I do and immediately realise that left isn't right, it should be straight over! I manage to correct myself just in time.

It's about a 15-minute drive. Unfortunately trying to get 25 Cruisers to turn right at a set off lights on to a main road, when it only lets out 3 at a time means it will take a bit longer. I call Andy Cunnigham to let him know we are on our way. Some Cruisers are already there. Six of us get through the lights, so I pullover and ask Ruby who is at the back to stop and wait for the next 'batch' to get through, then she will do the same so that way we don't all turn up at once.

We arrive at about 12:15pm to the sight of Hatfields staff manoeuvring PT's in to place. There must be at least 12 here already. I managed to find Andy, sales manager and introduce myself. He is quite literally amazed, as are his staff by the size of the turnout, despite knowing that at least 40 were going to turn up. Then this big tall bloke came over and introduced himself. It was Steve from Blackpool who had helped with all the directions. His Infernal PT was parked over the road, all flamed up. Josh had already spotted it and was having a good look.

The showroom was buzzing with UKC members, who were by now helping themselves to the Hot Pot lunch that Hatfields were supplying along with refreshments. No time for food yet though, loads of 'ticking off' to do. Hatfields had donated a trophy for the Best Turned Out PT, so many were busy scrounging buckets and giving the PT's a last minute detailing. But one PT stuck out a mile that morning! With everyone finally 'ticked off', monies collected it was time to give Scarlett a quick seeing too!

The 'judges' were busy giving the cars the once over. Time for some lunch and to fill in my guess at the competition that Andy had arranged. 'Guess the Registration and win an Almond CRD Cruiser.' Yes this was for real! P\* 53 \*\*\* was what we were given. Hmmmmm..... I know I'll ask Josh and Jess. Josh and Jess!!!! Where were they I'd been there for 2 hours and hadn't seen them since I pulled up. No worries they were in a Grand Voyager along with Nicki, Cheshire Cruisers daughter and Mark, Ruby's son. They all guessed a number or letter, I 'think' we decided on PC 53 JHF! (BTW no one won)



Then it was nearly time to go, time to rally the troops and find out the result of the Best turned out PT. And the winner is.....Mono. Like I said previously, one Cruiser stood out a mile today and this was the one. Well done to Jez on a thoroughly deserved win, no one would disagree that the ladies from Hatfields who had judged the competition had made the correct choice. As usual Jez walked forward in his own 'unique' manner to collect his trophy. Andy then thanked us all for coming along and asked us to make this a regular stopping point on the Illuminations Cruise. With hospitality like he showed us, how can we possibly turn him down? I then asked Pat, as club president to say thanks to Hatfields on behalf of the club. Now it was time to head of into Blackpool.

It was about a 20 minute drive to Starr Gate car park where we had arranged to meet up before Cruising the lights. We arrived to find that it was not the ideal place to park up wonderfully clean PT's. Most folk then did their own thing for the next 3 hours. PC, Ches, Ruby, Ady and myself went to the pleasure beach where we all went on the Big One.....well we thought about it, but decided on some fish and chips instead. Then it was back to the car park. Queues of cars were already lining up waiting for the lights to be turned on.

**“Standing in line to see the show tonight,  
another light on, heavy glow”**

Those of us who were lucky enough to be at the front of the queue to leave the car park got out fairly quickly, others at the back were not so fortunate. This was gonna be a long Cruise. After an hour some had still not left the car park and decided to head off back to the hotel bar. Those of us who had were not making much progress, but we didn't mind. It was stop, start, stop, start. Out of the PT for a chat to whoever was behind...take some pictures, which unfortunately did not come out very well!

Horns were hooting, kids were shouting and pointing at the line of Cruisers. Someone knocked on the window.. "Hey mate, did ya know you lot just got a mention on local radio?" ... One by one others began to get fed up with the slow progress and also headed off to the hotel. Sorry guys but I did warn you it would take 3 hours minimum!

Eventually there were just the die hard northerners left. Myself, daveed, PC, ET, AJ (now an adopted northerner) and Ruby who eventually left after about 3 hours. After nearly 4 hours we arrived at the end of the lights and I have to say it was well worth it. The lights in Bispham were terrific. We then headed off back to the hotel for a well-earned drink and were greeted with a rousing round of applause.



Yes...it was an interesting night!

Half a dozen of us stayed in the bar till 4:00am, well after the bar had closed and run out of drink!!! Fortunately I had brought along a bottle of Southern Comfort that we managed to polish off between us.

**During the course of the day we had around 42 PT's and 1 Sebring attend.**

**Sunday**

7:30am and the phone goes with an early morning call.....Off to the car wash to get Scarlett spruced up....

11:30am and off to Fleetwood to meet up with others who were not staying at the hotel or who were just coming for the day. Quite a few didn't make it up from their beds in time!!

Brrrrrrrrrrrr...It was freezing so we headed off to the local café where we enjoyed bacon sarnies and hot chocolate. Then it was time for the Cruise back into Blackpool.

We were extremely fortunate to have Blackpool Borough Council grant us permission to park up on Princes Parade, a part of the promenade that is not usually accessible by car. It did cost us £150 to take out Public Liability Insurance but the members kindly found this out of their own pockets in the form of coughing up £5 each for the privilege of being able to park up in a secure spot in Blackpool on the busiest weekend of their year. We even had our very own 'security guards' ably assisted by Sammydoggy.



**During the course of the afternoon we had around 45 PT's and 1 Sebring attend.**



I had arranged for the Blackpool evening Gazette to come along and cover the event and they duly obliged. Below is a picture of Jez having his picture taken for inclusion in the paper.



On the whole the weather was typical for Blackpool in October, cold and windy, but the rain kept off until about 4:00pm when it was time for the 'Lucky Dip'. All the extra money taken for parking up was used to buy a few prizes and others were donated by the club, PC and Ossie. Thanks to all of them.



The winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a radio controlled Cruiser was PC and Janet, whose name was pulled out by new member Soozacrooza.....



Sunday also happened to be Shellskis birthday....  
*Nalski told me she's 40!!! Doesn't she look good for her age. ☺ (oi! Shellski)*

By 4:30pm everyone was heading off home, after having I hope, a very enjoyable weekend. Unfortunately some had horrendous journeys home. The M6 was a nightmare and some took 5 hours just to travel to Birmingham. Others had nearly 8 hours in their Cruisers to getting home to London.

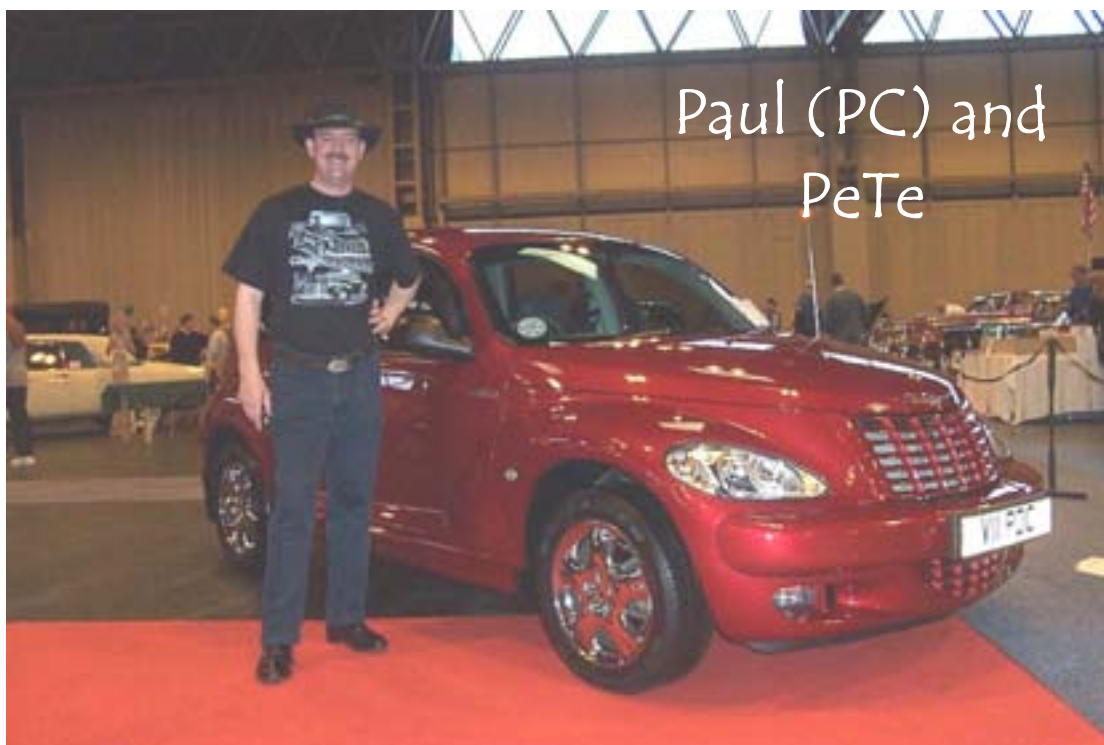
*Look out for information on next years Cruise, because this will now become an annual event.*

*Ginger*

# The International Classic Motor Show

## NEC Sat 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2002

PC (Paul) one of our newest members was invited to display his PT on the Chrysler Club stand. It looked absolutely stunning despite being driven down the M1 in the pouring rain, only being able to wash it by to and froing from the toilets with a hand basin of water and his wife Janet reversing it into the gates on his drive the previous day! The damage was hidden behind a strategically placed pot plant.



**Paul has his own business selling car cleaning/valeting products and various other items for your PT. You can contact him on 07860 778857 to see what he has in stock. Special rates for club members.**

Also on the stand was a Chrysler Royal.



## Wakefield: Saturday Night Cruise 5<sup>th</sup> October 2002

This is a long standing Cruise, held the first Saturday in every month. We were very kindly invited to attend by PC, Paul Copley who regularly attends in his Inferno Cruiser (PeTe). We only got to know about it because Paul had come along to The Steel City Cruise the previous week., His first 'official' club event

At about 5:30 during the afternoon I got a call from Gremlin who was travelling up from Cambridge via the A1 and the OK Diner. "Ginger, are you gonna be in this evening?".... "Better than that" I told him, "we're going Cruisin and even better, it's on your way home to Geordieland". So we arranged to meet up at Wooley Edge services on the M1 which now seems to be a popular meeting place for those travelling North and South to events.

We then drove up to join the others at Burger King, Westgate retail park just off the M1 J39 between 7pm & 7.30pm. We were one of the first to arrive, but as the evening drew on more and more yanks, Hot Rods, etc showed up along with 6 Cruisers, ALL Inferno. By the end of the night I reckon that about 30 cars of many shape and size had attended. Paul introduced us to the organisers who were a very friendly bunch of locals, they were very pleased to see that we had made the effort to go along and said we were welcome any time.



PC 'Paul' with a Cruiser called Pete and son 'Mosh'

At 8:30pm it was time to get Cruisin and we set off for a short 20 minute Cruise around the town centre which was absolutely heaving with people. I missed out on the Cruises at PITP so this was one of the biggest I'd been in. It was brilliant sight as all the cars drew admiring glances from the locals going from pub to pub and those sat in trendy little café bars (yes they do have them in Wakefield). Then it was back to Burger King for a chat and some supper. Most people drifted off around 9:30pm but I stayed and chatted to Paul about his Thunderbird, which he is currently restoring and he had me in stitches with his story of his trip to Belgium earlier this year to the Hanger 15 show in Antwerp. Paul is going to keep us updated on news of this for next year because it sounds like an absolute must for all International Cruisers.



Left: Daveed and his very own Burger 'Queen' Jen

### Quote from the forum:

Daveed...the number of double takes and rubber necks was amazing, I think most of them thought they had had more to drink than they previously thought!

### Those who attended were:

Ginger, Rubycruiser, Gremlin, Daveed, PC and Alan a non member who got to hear about the event from the website.



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Wildlife Cruise

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at The Nags Head

On a wild, wet and windy morning 16 Cruisers turned up at The Nags Head, just off J24 of the M62, near Huddersfield. We met some new members and then went inside for a wonderful roast lunch.



### Those attending were:

Ginger...Infernal  
 Ruby.....Infernal  
 PC.....Infernal  
 daveed...Infernal  
 r8wax..NY Taxi Cab  
 madcruzer..Silver  
 mustang....Black  
 Alty.....Infernal  
 Nal/Shell..Silver  
 Big Al.....Blue  
 Chris B.....Infernal  
 Lee.....Steel Blue  
 Chris.....Infernal  
 Mitch.....Street Cruiser  
 Monica.....Black  
 Lesley.....Patriot Blue

PC and Ruby are now famous because The Halifax Courier turned up and took their pictures for inclusion in the paper the following week.



Ms Ruby.

Lets just say the picture of a delightful Ms Ruby is there for a couple of admirers...both names begin with A...OK..Lets make it a clean fight fellas and may the best man come out on top.☺

### Quotes from the forum:

**Rubycruiser**- Nice to meet some new people, hope you'll come back despite the awful weather!!

Miss Ruby was most impressed at how all us 'old folks' enjoy ourselves..says she would like to come again please... Thanks to PC for coming up with this excellent venue.

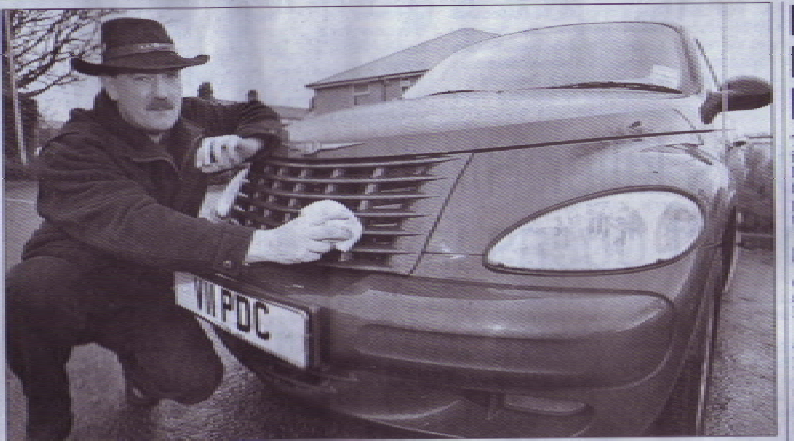
**Nalski**- Good day, despite packed pub and crapola weather. Nice to have a regular "local-ish" venue at last.

**PC**-I think we all had a nice lunchtime & if the turnout was anything to go by I cant wait till next time & it will be a stonkin event next year (when the weather is better) me thinks! "well done Nal & Shell"who get the farthest travelled award( well ya would if there was one!)and well done EVERYONE 4 making "our" 1st wildlife cruise success.

A very fetching picture of PC Paul, which appeared in the Halifax Courier after the Wildlife Cruise.

### Proud owners cruise in for a celebration

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 They collected money for the Children in Need appeal and enjoyed Sunday lunch at the pub.  
 Organiser Mr Stephen Farrant, whose car features on the front cover of the Custom Cruiser 2003 calendar, said they hoped to take day trips in better weather.  
 The club meets on the third Sunday of every month at the Nag's Head. For more information about the club contact Mr Farrant on 0114 2745788.



Paul Copley wipes the rain off his gleaming dream machine

PC also organised a collection for Children in Need and raised the tidy sum of £34. Thanks to all of those who contributed and big thanks also to Steve, landlord of the Nags Head who is so kindly allowing us to use the pub for the event.

Ruby and Ms Ruby as they appeared in a local 'Pub Speak' magazine along with a nice picture of BlueFUNder. Spot the deliberate mistake!

### Scene around at the Nags Head, Ainley Top

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Two of the Chrysler PT cruisers which were lovingly displayed at the Nags Head are featured right including Stephen Farrant's custom model below

Note: Blue FUNder belongs to Nalski and Shellski

This is a now a monthly event to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Call Steve (Ginger) 0114 2745 788 or PC (Paul) 07860 778857 for more details.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Essex Meet - Sunday 17 November 2002

...saw nineteen PTs converge on the Holiday Inn, Brentwood car park on a damp autumn morning for the start of the club's second Essex meet. Having received a phone call from Janner telling us he was running late (surprise!), the convoy led by the kruzerfans set off without him for the George & Dragon pub in Mountnessing for lunch, taking in a cruise of Brentwood, Shenfield and Billericay High Streets en-route followed by a brief drive through the Essex countryside. Despite the gloomy weather, the sight of so many PTs cruising nose-to-tail, with fog lights blazing and car flags flying, attracted considerable attention, perhaps most notably from a young lady riding her horse down a quiet country lane bemused to find herself being overtaken by a convoy of PTs!

Meanwhile, we'd heard that Janner (aka Leadfoot) had managed to catch up with Blue Moon and Monochrome at the tail of the convoy only to find the three then become separated from the rest. Having arrived at the pub, we quickly realised we'd "lost" three cars ("lost" being a word often associated with meets arranged by the kruzerfans ☺). Fortunately several phone calls later the three were safely directed to the pub in time for lunch, shortly followed by Kentkruzer who had taken a more direct route, bringing the total number of PTs to twenty-one. Janner (aka Delboy) then set up his stall selling club car flags before we all headed inside for some serious nosh. Bar a brief shower, the weather held out for the duration, allowing us to adjourn to the car park after lunch.

All in all, a great day out and plans are already in motion for the next Essex meet. Special mention goes to TBone and his son Liam, who travelled all the way from Holland to join us on the day. For some of the newer members, this was their first meet let alone cruise, and thus the impressive sight of several PTs either ahead of them or in the rear view mirror during the cruise was an enjoyable new experience.

Thanks to all the club members that attended on the day and we look forward to seeing you at the next meet.



About 17ish I think!



All enjoying pub food! mmmm

## Forthcoming Meets

These are featured in the separate Calendar of Events for 2003.

If you have an event that you would like UK Cruisers to publicise, contact Michelle Stanton (Shellski) on 0191 237 3570 or email [michelle@ukcruisers.net](mailto:michelle@ukcruisers.net)

*or contact your local representative as listed on the contents page.*

If you know of an event taking place that you think PT Owners would be interested in (eg your local dealer is having an open day), please let us know

*Non-UK Cruisers members are welcomed to meets and events*

## PT History

### Ruby Wax's PT – owned now by Ady Cutting, Derbyshire

*Quite a few of you may have seen this PT, which is featured in the PTEnthusiasts 2003 calendar – this is the history behind it...*



When Chrysler was asked by the motor industry charity BEN to dream up a one-off design for its wacky Chrysler PT Cruiser, the US car company invited zany comedienne Ruby Wax to come up with the goods.

But instead of simply creating a design study, Chrysler offered to make the concept a reality if Ruby would agree. The result is a one-off Ruby Wax PT Cruiser Special, based on a £14,995 PT Cruiser 'Classic' but sporting a £2,000 paint job that would make anybody stand out from the crowd.

Ruby sat down with top Royal Academy design student Dale Grewer to create the unique look which draws on the famous New York yellow cabs for its inspiration. Bright yellow, with brilliant white bumpers and wheels, plus a chequer-board roof and trim. Certainly not for the shy and retiring type!

Now the car is ready to take to the road, being donated by Chrysler to support BEN – and now it's up for grabs with a £10,000 starting price on eBay.

The Cruiser is the 2.0 litre, 140bhp manual version. The car is unregistered - dummy 'Ruby 1' registration plates seen on pictures are just for show - so its first owner will be the first registered keeper with a Y-letter registration plate. And as the car is brand new it comes with a 3-year / 60,000 mile warranty.



## Modified PT Profile

You have seen the member profiles, well here is the first of our modified PT profiles. This PT is called blueFUNder as the reg is PT51 FUN, and it belongs to Michelle Stanton (Shellski) & Alan Williams (Nalski)

Car purchased: 31/10/2001 Silver Limited Edition



Before (only new reg)



With exhaust, stripes, back bumper cover, spoiler and tints



Neons by the lighthouse



as it is now!

### Modifications

Chrome Tax Disc Holder, Air Raid Cold Air Intake, Chrome Door Pins, Full Xenon Bodykit, 8-Ball Shifter, Xenon Roof Spoiler, Illuminated Chrome Washer Jets, Tinted "Drug Deala" Windows, Custom "PowerFlow" Dual Exhaust, Blue "Viper" Stripes, Cosmic Racing Stainless Steel Pedals, Blue and Red Neon Security LED's, Blue under-car Neons, Blue colour-coded brake calipers, Custom Aluminium "Chequerplate" Floor Mats, Blue Interior Neons, Blue LED Side-Repeaters, BK Racing "BK299 DTM" 19" in High Power Black (235, 35,19), White Strobes, Ecotek Valve, Blue/Silver Engine Hose Braiding, lowered 35mm all the way around on Apex Progressive Springs.



Brrrrrr!

If you would like your PT to be featured, please send some pictures and a list of modifications to me: [michelle@ukcruisers.net](mailto:michelle@ukcruisers.net) or post to: 14 Montrose Close, New Hartley, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE25 0TA.

## More from America

From Steve Stephenson, Lincoln

We have recently returned from a visit to California, so one of my first things to do was visit a Chrysler Agent to see what's new in the PT scene.

Below are some photos – the red Californian had different rear lights, personally I think the old ones look better. The 'Woody' was one of two in the showroom and are sold new as shown. The silver GT was new and has a 2.4L Turbo engine, they were kind enough to let me take it up and down the Interstate and it really is great. The last photo was spotted in a car park in Palm Springs and I just thought the number plate was great! (1FUNNPT)



If you have any International stories that you think other members will be interested to see – please let us know 😊

## CHRYSLER SUPER CRUISER CONCEPT

**Introduced: Nov 04, 2002 at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) annual trade show in Las Vegas, NV**

The segment-defining Chrysler PT Cruiser forever changed the landscape of the automotive industry. The Chrysler PT Super Cruiser show car appeals to a whole new buyer with its high-performance engine, race-inspired styling and innovative technology.

Named "Super Cruiser" for its outstanding performance, this custom two-door Chrysler PT Cruiser features a free-flow exhaust system and a turbocharged 2.4-liter engine that creates more than 300 horsepower. The PT Super Cruiser is fully functional on the road, yet is prepared for road racing with custom features such as a six-point safety cage, six-point camlock harnesses, window nets, Lifeline fire system and Momo race seats and steering wheel.



The two-door PT Super Cruiser features a design theme first seen on the GT Cruiser show car in 2000. The monochromatic front and rear fascias feature integrated bumpers to give the vehicle a clean athletic appearance. The custom carbon fiber hood features exterior gauges, a shift light set in a functional hood scoop and captive hood pins. Llumar created the custom lightweight, blue-tinted windshield, while the Chrysler Group fabricated the

remaining windows in lightweight blue tinted Plexiglas® .

From the side, the PT Super Cruiser features sill extensions, wider fenders, 18"x 9.5-in. forged aluminum racing wheels, Michelin Pilot Sport Cup DOT- legal road race tires and massive 12.9-inch Brembo brakes with cross-drilled gold cadmium-plated rotors. The PT Super Cruiser includes a rear wing and custom center-exit twin four-inch exhaust tips. The exterior design is completed with a Chrysler Group/Rohm and Haas custom paint scheme of Octane Orange accented with deep royal blue, which includes glass and rubber additives.

Additionally, the race-inspired interior features a removable Infinity® Entertainment Pak with a 22-inch LCD video screen, 875-watt full surround-sound system, auxiliary batteries, folding chairs and cooler. The package includes an X-Box game console and is completely removable to lighten the vehicle when racing.

Chrysler Group employees in Auburn Hills, Mich., including 10 engineers and 35 UAW members engineered and built the PT Super Cruiser. It was created specially for SEMA.

## CHRYSLER BIG SKY CONCEPT

**Introduced: Nov 04, 2002 at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) annual trade show in Las Vegas, NV**

While the PT Super Cruiser is all about performance, the Chrysler PT Big Sky AWD is about a new level of luxury for the award-winning PT Cruiser. Featuring a new twist on open-air technology, the Chrysler PT Big Sky has an innovative five-panel glass lamella roof system, which opens wide enough for both front and rear seat occupants to get a full view of the sky.

Designed by Webasto Roof Systems, Rochester Hills, Mich., the lamella roof system includes five separate panels. The first stationary panel acts as a vent, while the remaining four retractable panels stack vertically at the rear of the window opening. The roof panels and side windows are tinted using Solutia Automotive's (Troy, Mich.) innovative new process that laminates a color interlayer called Vanceva™ between two pieces of tempered glass to create a unique tint to match the body color. This new process provides more UV protection, intrusion resistance, sound deadening qualities and weight reduction compared with tempered glass.

ASC Southfield, Mich., provided the PT Big Sky features a unique ground effects package, that includes custom front and rear fascias, wheel flares and fog lamp treatment. The rear fascia was modified to accept the Borla dual exhaust system, while the modified front fascia features a new open-air appearance, with silver recessed mesh on the lower portion. The profile view highlights the polished stainless steel surround trim that accent the custom Solutia tinted windows, chrome-trimmed side mirrors and chrome trimmed body side moldings. Other features include 18-inch BBS wheels, Goodyear Eagle F1 tires and stainless steel brake rotors and calipers on all four wheels. The custom rear fascia features an integrated bumper and Borla dual exhaust. PPG created the Merlot custom paint color.



The more luxurious interior of the PT Big Sky is done in light pearl beige with leather seating and door trim provided by Seton, Troy, Mich. Johnson Controls Inc. created the custom front seats, which feature a W.E.T. Inc. Comfort Cools™ system for heating and cooling. The interior also includes a Panasonic custom entertainment system with DVD video and true multi-channel surround sound. As part of the entertainment system, four video screens are integrated into the vehicle, including a seven-inch flip out LCD monitor on the instrument panel, two LCD monitors in the back of the front seats and a 15-inch removable LCD monitor in the cargo area mounted to the sliding cargo system, which was designed and manufactured by Webasto Roof Systems.

The only PT Cruiser with an all-wheel drive system, the PT Big Sky uses technology to offer better traction and complement the luxury features of this show car. While this one-of-a-kind PT Cruiser came from Chrysler Group, ASC Creative Services performed the custom work and integration based on a design created in conjunction with the Chrysler Group.



## CHRYSLER TOMAHAWK CONCEPT

It's The 400mph Chrysler!

The title of the loudest machine at the Detroit show went to the Tomahawk motorbike concept. In reality it's little more than a V10 Viper engine bolted to some wheels, but that's not going to stop DaimlerChrysler's Dodge brand from putting it into production.

Unveiling the amazing machine, boss Dieter Zetsche said: "You will want to know if we are going to build it, and the answer is we might -but it would be a very limited run."

Insiders said the machine would cost \$250,000 (£155,000), but that buyers would have to sign a disclaimer saying they wouldn't ride it - or wouldn't sue Chrysler if they did and fell off. Why the caution? The 8.3-litre motor can power the Tomahawk to 60mph in 2.5 seconds, and gives a theoretical top speed of 400mph. Designer Trevor Creed said: "The Dodge brand philosophy always challenges us to grab life by the horns. In the case of the Tomahawk, grabbing and holding on to anything for dear life is a necessity!" The bike is actually a four-wheeler, to give extra stability. As to how it handles, who knows - all the Chrysler staff we spoke to were too scared to have a go!



# TORQUE – TORQUE – TORQUE



## The Chrysler PT Cruiser 2.2L CRD

by Andy Forbes aka 'BlueMoon'

In creating the PT Cruiser CRD, Chrysler has made the most of its merger with Mercedes. The 2.2-litre common-rail diesel (CRD) engine is already familiar in the DaimlerChrysler range, appearing already in the Mercedes C-Class, E-Class and V-Class models. However, due to the comparatively smaller space in the PT's engine bay, it is mounted in an east-west configuration, has additional balancer shafts and has received a small number of minor modifications, including a different turbocharger and intercooler and smaller intake and exhaust manifolds. These mean a lower output (121 bhp) than in the C-Class and E-Class (141 bhp), though it's as powerful as the version in the large, heavy V-Class. The transmission is also based on a Mercedes set-up, albeit also slightly modified to suit the PT.

If anything lets it down it is the operation of the gearbox. The Mercedes' manual gearbox is not the best around, and in the CRD, its notchiness and imprecision is magnified by the long, thin gearstick and awkward circular plastic gearknob. It's all too easy to engage the wrong gear – until you get used to it.

The 0-60mph sprint time may be behind that of the petrol car, but in the real world the diesel feels faster because of that extra torque. Even from low in the rev range, throttle response is instant and acceleration effortless. As a result, overtaking is a breeze and the PT is now a better cruiser, being relaxed at high speed. The mid-range punch means it's easy to make progress with far fewer gearchanges. You'll also spend less time at the fuel pumps - a combined official economy figure from the CRD of 40.9mpg is another bonus, and means substantial savings over the petrol car.

*"I've recently changed from a 2.0 to a CRD. The difference is immense. About 25% better fuel economy. The huge amount of torque compared to the 2.0 makes any kind of driving so much easier, whether it be motorways or overtaking slower drivers on the A-roads to get home. It is a little more rattly at first, but it quickly settles down and is far quieter on the motorway. I love it, and wouldn't change back."*

UKC member/CRD owner

The CRD instills confidence that when you want the power it is there, in shed loads and you can feel that there is more power waiting in the wings should you need it. My favourite trick is into second gear and flooring the throttle, the seatback smashes into you and the puff of smoke enveloping the car behind as it appears to go backwards is very satisfying.

With so much torque the car is very forgiving if you 'fluff' a gearchange and first gear is really only required to get the wheels moving. You can happily pull away in second without any worries.

The loss of refinement is barely noticeable, either. The petrol PT isn't the smoothest of engines anyway, and the oil-burner gets extra soundproofing in the engine bay to minimise the clatter reaching occupants' ears. Going quickly, the Cruiser picks up quite a lot of road noise, and at motorway speeds there's a noticeable rush of air past the door mirrors. But whatever engine noise gets through isn't obtrusive.

*"It Looks very Cool. Loads a Torque!  
Acceleration from 60+ is VERY good"*

UKC member/CRD owner

*"Had a few Diesels, Peugeot 406 etc, thought they were good ride, but this CRD just blows them away, the torque, and overall performance is great, noisy yes, but economical, and fast, and a PT."*

UKC member/CRD owner

"I didn't realise this was a diesel." Becomes a familiar comment as once warm and moving the CRD has not got the 'diesel noise'. It still clatters when cold and on tickover but that is a minor irritant – to some! As the miles add up it may get noisier but time will tell.

There's still room for improvement, however. All-round visibility isn't great as the A-pillars are quite wide, while the vision from the rear view mirror is hindered by the small boot window and middle back seat headrest. Reversing takes some getting used to as does the awful turning circle!

The traction control system fitted to the CRD as standard also seems to be largely ineffective, and only works long after the engine's torque has caused the PT's tyres to lose grip on damp roads.

*"I had a water leak which turned into a saga, the clutch is heavy but you get used to it. Fuel economy is superb and the power is fine for a diesel, I can overtake without fear of the diesel factor letting me get along side and run out of legs. the car is as all other PT's absolute sex on wheels a pleasure to drive and own. Despite its minor faults the car is well worth getting to know. 101% spot on car."*

UKC member/CRD owner

*"Best point - Its a PT cruiser, a diesel also tends to be a more "lazy" style of driving i.e. less gear changes, due to huge mid range torque - laid back driving in my cruiser (man, long inhalation ;-) Usual other diesel benefits (doesn't mind water/weather, chugs up multi story car parks on tickover, engine always feels like it has bags of power etc.)"*

*"Bad points - hmmm, need to keep revs above 1600 when accelerating to avoid jerky acceleration/gear changes. Engine tuning is limited to chips/plug in electronic boxes (though +25bhp can't be bad)"*

UKC member/CRD owner

The CRD comes in Touring and Limited form and the equipment level specs are as for the petrol version.

It might not be the most practical, cheap or even economical of mini-MPVs, but if you want a PT Cruiser then this will not matter. At least it now has an engine which makes that 'I have to have one' feeling a little easier to justify.

Shoe-horning a 2.2-litre common-rail diesel into the PT Cruiser has made it a car you can justify buying for something other than its looks. It may not fit the hot-rod image, but the CRD offers a relaxing drive and greater economy than the petrol version.

Thanks to Big Al, Edg, JustCustomBikes, W5 AKE, Worthy, Phillips, Kentkruzer for contributions.

## FOR SALE

PT Cruiser - Limited - registration MV 02 VFS

Petrol, Inferno red

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## Announcement

Alan Williams (Nalski) and Michelle Stanton (Shellski) got engaged just after New Year. Congratulations to them both and here's to a PT wedding!

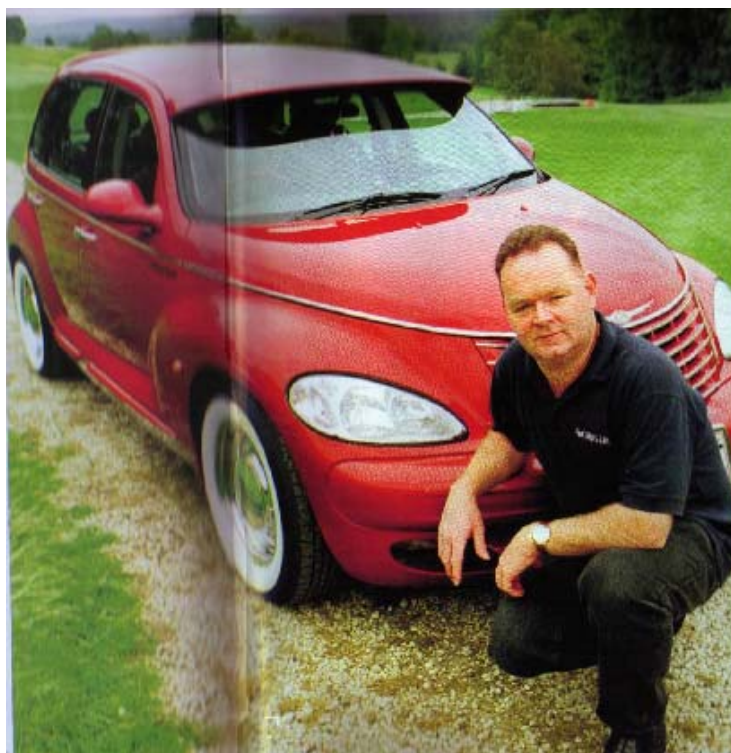
## IN THE PRESS (If you spot the UK Cruisers anywhere – send it in!)

An extract from Chryslers Freedom Magazine entitled "We know what you did last summer!"

a massive reproduction of the Falls. And water, in the form of the Billing Aquadrome, just off the M1 motorway, was the backdrop for a picnic in the park for British PT Cruiser owners.

"It was a glorious August weekend," recalls Stephen Farrans, organiser of the annual UK Cruisers Club event. "Over 120 Cruisers visited during the two-day event, with lots of people camping for the whole weekend."

Also visiting the Aquadrome were Sony and Q2, parading their Cruisers modified with the latest in-car entertainment systems and telecommunications. In addition Simon Elliot, managing director of Chrysler and Jeep UK, was there to judge the "Show and Shine" competition, which Stephen sheepishly admits he won. "My retro-1940s car won the Best Customised PT Cruiser award for the second year running. It has also just been voted for the cover of a US PT enthusiasts' calendar for 2003, which is a great compliment." With next year's PT Cruiser Picnic in the Park currently being planned for the second weekend in August, that's the first date Stephen can mark in his new calendar.



If you do not receive a copy of Freedom magazine then it is your dealers fault!!!

*This is an extract of an email from Chrysler to Steve:*

The Freedom magazine should be automatically sent to all owners of Chrysler or Jeep vehicles. We rely on the dealers to forward contact details to us.

If you would like to receive a magazine but don't, Send your details to [julia.elkins@daimlerchrysler.co.uk](mailto:julia.elkins@daimlerchrysler.co.uk) to be added to the mailing list or call the head office at Milton Keynes 01908 301000 and speak to Julia

You will need to provide your name, address and vehicle registration number.

## Contacts Page

We are always aware that those of you without internet access do not have the same opportunity to make contact with other club members that our PC users do. We therefore have decided to print a contacts page in every newsletter.

If you wish to have your name, area and phone number shown on this page then please let me know at the UK Cruisers address by phone, post or email. To start the ball rolling here are a few for you:

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<b>New members since last newsletter – welcome everyone ☺</b>
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Malcolm Catterall..... Wigan  
 Clive Everingham ..... Twickenham  
 Welsley Mabbs ..... Penarth  
 Karl Wilson ..... Notts  
 Roy Bowland ..... Leeds  
 Nick Wakefield ..... Derby  
 Gareth Davies ..... Reading  
 Alan Hansell ..... Fakenham  
 Ron & Teresa Goddard ..... Beds  
 Glenn Mason ..... West Sussex  
 William Metters..... Gillingham  
 Ian Bumstead ..... Aylesford  
 David Bracken ..... Surrey  
 Paul Wakefield ..... Merseyside  
 Peter Edwards..... Warwickshire  
 N Mort ..... Southampton  
 James Hart..... London  
 Richard Folwell..... Northampton  
 Andy Crockett..... Oxon  
 Richard Middleton ..... Northants  
 Steve Downes ..... Horsham  
 Reuben Trowbridge..... Blandford Forum  
 Steve & Vanda Wallington..... Wimbourne (Welcome back!)  
 Nev James ..... Derbyshire

## ACCESSORY RANGE

 <b>Body Styling</b>		 <b>Grilles</b>	
"Bruiser" front fascia cover	£349.00	"Billet" grille inserts	£650.00
2002 Fascia cover	£325.00	 <b>Performance</b>	
Lower grille insert	£135.00	Dual exhaust system	£368.00
Smooth front bumper cover	£135.00	 <b>Suspension</b>	
Front air dam	£239.00	Pro-kit lowering springs	£195.00
Side skirts (pair)	£295.00	Camber kit	£55.00
Smooth rear bumper cover	£295.00	 <b>Wheels</b>	
Rear hatch spoiler	£179.00	Aero 17" x 7.5" polished alloy wheels (ea.)	£175.00
 <b>Light covers</b>		Aero 18" x 7.5" chrome alloy wheels (ea.)	£295.00
Clear headlamp covers	£45.00	Service items now available! — enquire for details.	
Smoked headlamp covers	£45.00		
"Pro-Beam" headlamp covers	£65.00		
Smoked tail lamp covers	£45.00		

All prices are exclusive of VAT and carriage and are subject to change without notice. All parts subject to availability

UK Cruisers members get 15% discount off replacement parts and 10% off accessories

CLUB DISCOUNTS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM:

Company	Discount	Location	Web Site	Telephone
PT Cruisertuning	12%	Hannover	<a href="http://www.cruisertuning.de">www.cruisertuning.de</a>	05 11 63 62 52
North Hants Tyre	10%	North Hants	<a href="http://www.northhantstyre.co.uk">www.northhantstyre.co.uk</a>	01252 613261
OK Diners	15%	Anywhere	CURRENTLY UNDER RENEWAL	
American Autobarn	10%	Peterborough	<a href="http://www.americanautobarn.co.uk">www.americanautobarn.co.uk</a>	01733 533132
Superchips	10%	Buckingham	<a href="http://www.superchips.co.uk">www.superchips.co.uk</a>	01280 816781
Superflames	5%	USA	<a href="http://www.superflames.com">www.superflames.com</a>	Web orders only
PT Tuning*	10%	Netherlands	<a href="http://www.pttuning.nl">www.pttuning.nl</a>	00 31 6 51110822

\*We have negotiated a member discount with [www.pttuning.nl](http://www.pttuning.nl) in the Netherlands. You will get 10% discount off the web price but then have to add Dutch VAT at 19%. But remember no more duty or taxes to pay. Jeroen also sent me this message:

I have also another attractive openings offer from my webstore. I can offer your members the high quality 10 parts chrome-steel grill for the very exclusive price from 225,00 euro netto to your members, excl. 19 % dutch vat and including the shipping and handling costs to their home-address. I have already sold hundreds of this grill in Holland, Germany and Belgium to dealers and private customers.

You will have to email him for the discount though.



## Members Web Pages

These are being done (honest!) should be live on the net by the end of sometime (that's my deadline!)

If you have not already given me your details and would like a web page of your own I need the following:

- ◆ Names (and Nicknames if an Internet forum member)
- ◆ Location (which part of the UK)
- ◆ List of any modifications
- ◆ Registration Number (tell me if you would prefer it to be blanked out)
- ◆ A nice clear photo - you can e-mail me a digital photo, or I can scan in a traditional one and return it to you. The photo would preferably be of you *with* your car...

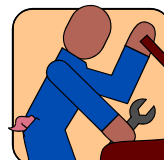
Send to: Michelle Stanton, 14 Montrose Close, New Hartley, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE25 0TA or [michelle@ukcruisers.net](mailto:michelle@ukcruisers.net)



### **PT DIY**

(Destroy It Yourself!)

*All DIY jobs are undertaken at your own risk, and could invalidate your warranty.*



I'm afraid there is no PT DIY this newsletter, if there is an item you would like featured, please let us know and we will arrange some instructions.

I did, however receive full instructions from Keith Leebrooke (Khrome Cruiser) regarding fitting Hood Lift Struts; his letter explained the following:



**I have fitted Hood Lift Struts to my PT and they are a really good product. They are not plastic coated but billet aluminium. They are very easy to fit. I was the first person in the UK that Blane (from USA) had dealt with, but he says he is happy to supply anyone else in the club who is interested. He is a really nice person to deal with and he uses Paypal so you know payments are secure.**



They in effect are used instead of the lovely little yellow hood prop that we use now! And are gas spring lift struts with chrome rods. Keith sent me 9 pages of instructions detailing the fitting, so if you are interested in receiving these or would like further information on where to purchase these from, please let me know (Michelle) You can view the pages on the web at <http://home.pcmagic.net/blajess/>

## Letters Page

Hi

Following the latest issue of UK Cruisers, there is an issue with PT's with engines and electrics shutting down. If you remember, I had the same problem with my car, which is why I no longer own it. There are problems with the loombees of Chrysler cars that is not specific to PT's. The only way my problem was solved was for Chrysler to replace the front loombe that goes behind the front bumper as there were "splits" in the individual wires that caused shorts and full and partial electrical failure.

Chrysler and dealers are reluctant to do this repair due to the cost and that the dealers are not fully funded to find and remedy this problem. This problem could also cause errors on ECU's. Based on my experience, the problems discussed on the web site by current members look very similar to mine. The situation can be very dangerous as failure is or seems to be random. Hope this helps the efforts to solve the problems of members,

Best wishes

Mike Kason

### SERVICE INFORMATION

I've found the service information in the newsletter really helpful, and took your advice. For other members, here's some variations as of mid November 2002: all NorthWest based dealers, 15000 mile service for petrol model

- Hatfields Preston £165
- Cumbo Ltd Stoke £110
- Kings Liverpool £180
- Kings Stockport - hung up, they didn't my service!
- Rochard Cort Rossendale £125
- MTB Newton le Willows £165.56
- MTB Northwich £115.68

(Even the same dealerships quote different amounts! You can save a fortune if you don't have Mobil 1 oil by the way)

Martin Woodall



If you have come across something which you would like to share with other owners, please let us know and we can feature it in a future newsletter. **Not just bad things! We like good things too!!! ☺**

## Club Merchandise

To order merchandise, send your order and a cheque (payable to UK Cruisers) to Pat Yule or contact her by telephone or email (details on Page 1)



PT CRUISER Mousemats **only £6.80 inc P&P**  
 These look great and are hardwearing. **The Cars featured belong to UKCruisers members and this same photo also won the PTEnthusiasts 2003 calendar competition so you will be seeing a lot more of it about.**



PT CRUISER Mugs **only £5.00 PLUS P&P** (depends how many you order – contact us for quote)  
 These feature the slogan “Not everyone’s cup of tea” on one side and a red PT on the other.  
**Limited numbers available**

We have in stock Polo shirts, black with silver embroidery, red with silver embroidery and a couple of burgundy with silver embroidery. T Shirts white with red embroidery and black with silver embroidery. Sizes medium to XXL.

Polo shirts cost	£16 inc P&P
T shirts	£13 inc P&P
Sweatshirts	£17.50 inc P&P



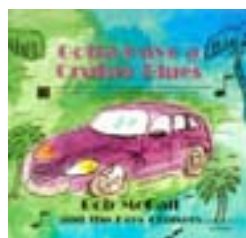
Baseball Caps £11 inc P&P  
 Black brushed cotton with red or silver logo  
*Now available in red (I think!)*



PT Cruiser Book £14.50 inc P&P  
 for all cruiser fanatics.



PT Cruiser Enamel Pin Badges £3.50 each inc.P&P



Gotta Have a Cruiser Blues CD £7.50 inc.P&P

# LOTS OF NEW ITEMS HERE TOO!



Visor Oval with Writing £7.50 pair inc P&P

- Blue with silver print
- Red with silver print
- Black with silver print
- Silver with black print



PT Visor Ovals Wings only £7.50 pair inc P&P

Prices and colours as above



Chrome Flames £5.50 pair inc P&P



Colour shift Flames £9.50 pair inc P&P

The colour shifts are:

- Cranberry/gold
- Gold/silver
- Blue/purple




Wheel centre covers (5 per set) £3.90 inc P&P

These are decals which stick onto the wheel centres, available in 4 styles shown (styles 1 – 4 top to bottom) and are available in black, blue, red and gold



UK Cruiser Teddies with t-shirt £10.99 inc P&P



reads UKCruisers, PT Owners Club, CRUISER TED  
Teddies are 10"




PT Cruiser blanket £36.00 PLUS P&P

soft ultraweave throw blanket 5' x 4'

If you are ordering multiple items, the postage charge will be less – contact Pat for details.

# AND FINALLY!

These prices **DO NOT INCLUDE** Postage and Packing – please contact Pat for details.

Item	Price
Dice door lock pins in blue, red and white.	£10.50
White dice valve covers	£7.50
8 Ball Valve covers	£7.50
1 only dice gear knob	£25.00
K & N Drop in air filters	£30.00
PT Cruisers Antenna Balls	£2.95
Can Coolies in blue, red and black	£2.95
PT Sunglasses (Mopar)	Silver £11.50 Black £12.50
PT Graphite car mugs (Mopar)	£7.95
PT Cruiser valve caps-silver (Mopar)	£14.00
PT Cruiser Talking Keychains (beep beep and broom!) (available in many colours, please check)	£5.00
UK Cruiser Flags (£1 donated to Charity)	£10.00
UK Cruisers Black Jackets embroidered UKC logo – padded excellent quality	£33.00
UK Cruisers embroidered logo on denim shirts – excellent quality	£19.00
 Hatch Flames (state which edition)	£4.00
Hatch Flames (as above) in shade shifting colours	£6.00
Chrome Bumper Inserts PT Woody	£60.00

We are trying to extend the range of items that we stock – if you have any ideas, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

**Stock can also be purchased at meetings.**

## A few little words

A note of thanks to Keith Leebrooke (Khrome Kruser) who sent me a little book of American - English words...here are a few for you: (picked at random!)

American	English	American	English
adhesive tape	sticking plaster	back-up lights	reversing lights
billfold	wallet	call collect	reverse charges
chips	crisps	dead end	cul de sac
dungarees	jeans	duplex	semi detached
eggplant	aubergine	faucet	tap
gear shift	gear lever	hat check girl	cloakroom attendant
hutch	welsh dresser	jelly roll	swiss roll
legal holiday	bank holiday	line	queue
motorbike	moped	oil pan	sump
pacifier	dummy	pollywog	tadpole
realtor	estate agent	sack lunch	packed lunch
traffic circle	roundabout	time payment	hire purchase

WHAT A BRILLIANT YEAR WE'VE HAD.....From Belgium to Braintree and from Scarborough to Scotland. Here are some of my favourite pictures from the club events of this past year **Ginger**





