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The cruiser and trailer featured on the front cover belongs to Robert Kyle and family (C1KYL) who live near East Kilbride in Scotland. This looks fantastic don't you agree?

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Letter from the Ed:

Well what can I say? It's been a fantastic summer with Picnic in the Park being the highlight as always. It was the best Picnic in the Park yet thanks to all who spent so much time organizing it, all those who chipped in to help in other ways and to YOU the members for being there to make it happen.

Also many thanks to all the traders who came along, we hope it was good for you and last but certainly not least Big Big thanks once again to Daimler Chrysler for helping to us to make it happen.

Christmas is once again looming and we have various club celebrations going ahead this year. Whichever one you attend I hope you have a fantastic time and it gets you in the mood for the holiday.

Becks has recently resigned as events coordinator. I would like to thank her for all the hard work she did whilst acting in that capacity and wish her well.

I expect Father Christmas will be delivering many PT cruiser related gifts this year and we will all see what you got in the new year. I hope you get all that you want.

This will be the last newsletter before the New Year so I will wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Cruising Year.

Pat aka Foxy

Club Business

The UK Cruiser club currently has around 400 paid up members and roughly half of them are signed up to our Internet forum (message boards).

Since 31st October 2004, things have happened in Internet land that we feel all our members should know about.

It all began on Friday 29th October when Pat received an email from one of *our* club organisers explaining that a number of friends from the Northern Area were setting up their own website and forum. The website would be live from Halloween. This was the first we (Club Organisers) had heard of it.

We found that their forum had already been running for well over a month and approximately 30 UK Cruiser members had signed up to it. Their forum also has a section for a club that people can join for a membership fee.

I put a good luck message on our forum, with a link to their site to wish them all the best.....what followed that was a number of UK Cruiser members as surprised and shocked as we were about why these members had chosen to start another club.

At this point, UK Cruisers did not know why they had chosen to start up a new club either. A number of people asked why the new club had been set up as they couldn't understand, but no answer was forthcoming.

Messages got posted, emails and private messages and phone calls flew back and forward, lots of unfortunate upset, name calling and you could say things got pretty hot between the clubs as people in each of the clubs are very passionate about their belief in their club. The new club stated that they would like the two clubs to run in parallel, but had no link or any mention of UK Cruisers on their site.

The new club eventually said that the main reason for setting up was that they wanted their own funding as they didn't get it from anywhere else (they did not ask UK Cruisers for funding at any stage). Also, that they seemed to be the main contributors to the forum, and they also seemed to be seeing the same faces meet after meet. Another point was that a number of sections of the UKC forum was open to non paying members, and that there was no recourse if people wanted changes made.

All in all, it's only just over a week since it happened, and the resulting factors are that we hope that things are starting to settle down...if people want to be part of both clubs, then there is no problem with that. A number of the founder members of the new club have withdrawn their membership from UK Cruisers and no longer wish to be associated with us, and have been given a part refund of their annual membership.

Website Forum Information

For those of you who don't have Internet access, the forum is basically an area of message boards where people can put messages and get answers from other people. We have three areas, a Open Forums area, a members area and a club organisers area.

Open Forums:

- General Chat
- Events, Meets and Cruises (only paid up members can post)
- Introduce Yourself
- Spotted...was it you?
- Classified Ad's
- Test Area
- Picnic in the Park

Members Areas

- Club Business and Suggestions
- Contacts
- Praises and Grumbles
- Modifications (Look what I've done)
- Modifications (How do I do?) also General Advice
- The Fridge (In car entertainment)
- Servicing/ Insurance/ Warranty/ MOT/ Legal
- Members Photos
- Pub – the cruiser boozier
- Forum and website – hints and suggestions for improvement
- Picnic in the Park 5

Organiser areas

- Club organisers

We chose to leave open access to a number of forums for two reasons:

1. A non paying member may have something for sale, or some information that may be beneficial to UK Cruiser members (eg Chrysler dealers and people selling merchandise or accessories often post offers or information)
2. To encourage new viewers to the site to participate, and often when they see how much information is in the free areas, they will join up to allow them to gain access to the paid up areas.

If you are on the Internet and have never visited our forum, go to www.ukcruisers.net and click the link to forum. Once you have registered, send an email to cruisers@ukcruisers.net telling Pat your username and she will grant you access to the members areas.

The forums are the best way to find out the most up to date information and to get help more or less instantly to any PT related question or problem.

Club Suggestions

As you will see from the forum areas, there are plenty of opportunities to give suggestions if you are on the Internet.

If you are not and wish to make a suggestion to the club you can either:

- Contact a regional rep
- Contact a club organiser
- Contact Pat directly

You can do this by telephone or letter. We take all suggestions openly.

How you can help

If you would like to become more involved in the club – you can!!!! Just let us know. Just tell us what sort of things you would like to do, and how much time you have to give. We are in the process of forming a list of ‘positions’ that we think can help the club – if you have any ideas let us know too.

Ask the Organisers

At the Christmas do (November 27th more details in events) we plan to have the opportunity for you to speak to the organisers. Pat, Chris and I will be available in the Quays bar from about 4pm until around 5:30pm and you can come and chat to us, ask us any questions or make suggestions for the club.

If you are not planning on attending the Christmas do, then you can still make suggestions as detailed above. We will discuss these on the day.

We hope to do something similar at Picnic in the Park 5, to have an ‘ask the organiser’ stand and also a box for suggestions.

Summary

I believe that if the new club had have told us of their plans from the start, that they were intending to set up a new club, and their reasons for it – things would have been a lot different. Most people are upset because things had been going on for quite a number of weeks with a lot of people involved, and we didn’t get any answers straight away as to why they had chosen to do this. Anyway, it’s happened and let’s get on with just enjoying our PT’s, after all – that’s what’s brought us all together. By the way, these are my view of the events and my understanding of things – not any one else’s and I hope they give an accurate picture of what’s happened. If anyone does want to ask any more questions or discuss this, please feel free to contact me or one of the other organisers...anyhow – onto the newsletter now!

PREVIOUS CRUISES AND MEETINGS

UK CRUISERS GO DUTCH



Words & Pictures by Mrs Steelcruiser

In the early part of this year, Sjoerd, from ptCruise-in, Netherlands, extended an invitation to the UK Cruiser Club, together with our equivalent clubs in Belgium and Germany to meet in Valkenberg, Holland on the 5th and 6th June 2004.

Steelcruiser, Khrome Kruiser, Shep, Kent Pete, Eliminator, Monochrome, Kreecher, Streetrod and overseas members of UK Cruisers, Gert and Trini took up the invitation.

Because we did not all make the decision at the same time it resulted in three different ferry crossings, and three different hotels. The first wave to hit the continent was Kent Pete, who wisely got an early ferry and decided to carry on straight through to Valkenberg.



The next wave found Streetrod, Monochrome and Kreecher on the ferry. They agreed to wait just outside of the port in Calais for ½ hour for us to join the convoy across Europe through to Valkenberg.



The last wave found Steelcruisers, Khrome Kruiser, Shep and Eliminator, who having decided to meet at the Motorway services for an earth shattering "fry up" to stand us all in good stead for the long drive ahead, followed on the next ferry just half an hour later.

When we regrouped across the Channel, copies of the AA route planer, mobile numbers and walkie-talkies (which proved to be an absolute godsend) were exchanged. Eliminator very kindly took up the lead.

We were only in France for a short time before crossing into Belgium. This gave us our first opportunity to make a quick detour off the Motorway and pull in to a small town where we filled up with petrol/cigarettes/alcohol/chocolates etc.

Just as we started off again it started to rain causing problems for Mono who had decided to leave off his wipers so that he could continue the "smooth" look of Raptor. As a result we had to leave the Motorway at the next service station so that he could put them on again. Funnily enough after that it didn't rain again the whole weekend ☺.



We continued our journey and travelled right across Belgium into Holland. Of course we took a few wrong turns, and you should have seen us when we had to do a U-turn in the middle of Brussels but it all added to the fun of the weekend.

We crossed the Dutch border at dusk and we were having a bit of trouble finding our final destination. We approached a roundabout, and after what I think was the fourth time round, we randomly picked an exit to pull off, regroup and assess the route plan.

So there we were driving along trying to find a space where all 7 PT's can pull in and suddenly we spot a local Dutch PT parked up. We immediately pulled into line behind it. We decided to approach the house and ask for directions, having assumed the PT belonged to them. It did not. In fact, it belonged to their neighbours who unfortunately were not home. I doubt on their return they believed their neighbours story, that whilst they were out 7 PT's turned up from the UK and they had missed them.

Having got new directions, we resumed the final part of the journey. As we approached Valkenberg we broke off into 2 groups and veered off to our respective hotels.

We finally arrived at the hotel, a little later than expected. We met up with Gert and Trini and once we had all checked-in, we decided it was time to eat. Unfortunately, the hotel owner advised they did not do "evening meals" and we would have to head back into town.

We were all too tired for this and settled for a liquid dinner, and boy was it great beer. It also gave us an ideal opportunity to chat to Gert and Trini who we hadn't seen since the Christmas get-together in Billing. It also provided Gert a chance to present us all with I.D.



badges which he had made for us.

At 01.30 a.m. we decided it would be wise to get some sleep, particularly if we were going to make the meet 'n' greet later that morning.

Gert took the lead to the meet 'n' greet destination where we were met by Sjoerd and members from the Dutch club.

We also regrouped with Streetrod, Mono and Kreecher who had travelled in from their hotel.

We registered our arrival and were given a "goody bag" and a packed lunch. We also had an official photo shoot of each PT and owner/s.

The site was packed. Every which way you looked there was line-upon-line of delicious looking PT's offering new ideas for decorating/modding your PT. We had a few hours of mingling with people and PT's and some time to look round the accessory stalls and spend some Euros.

In the afternoon the UK cruisers were led by a member of the Dutch club around the sights of Valkenberg. Unbeknown to us, Valkenberg attracts the tourists because it is the only place in Holland with hills/mountains, we felt at home.

Our route we took us through beautiful villages before parking up to visit a historic chateau with a lake. The scenic route we took was stunning and we made regular stops at various eateries for refreshments and to admire the wonderful vistas.

On leaving the last watering hole, some of our convoy got split from the main group and leader and took a wrong turn. The only name on the road signs we recognised was "Maastricht" so we headed that way. We knew things were not looking good when we couldn't get anyone in range on the walkie-talkies. So I tried Shep on his mobile. I just about heard "if you don't make it back to the meeting place by 17.00 p.m. they would send out a search party" before his mobile went flat.

We made a few detours and by chance found our first windmill before finally arriving back at the main site for a fantastic evening BBQ.

This gave ptCruise-in the opportunity to announce the winners of various competitions, including awards for Best International PT.

We can honestly say we did the UK Cruiser Club proud with Mono winning 1st prize, Best International PT. I think this put a few European noses out of joint.



We headed back to the hotel about 21.00 p.m. and went straight to the bar for some more great beer.

The following morning, we headed back to the meeting site for a huge buffet breakfast. Although the club had organised another full day's itinerary, we could only stay for half of it because we had to "hit the road" back to Calais. Before leaving, we decided to take all the UK Cruisers back to the windmill found by chance the previous day for that all important and classic "group shot". We also drove back to town, parked up and went souvenir shopping.

Our convoy created quite a scene on the way home. One particular biker was so enamoured with the cars that whilst he checked us out he nearly lost control of his bike. We arrived

back at Calais in time for our ferry and a smooth crossing. We convoyed back as far as we could together before leaving the M25 at our respective junctions to Kent, Surrey and Hampshire.



I can only reiterate what a fantastic and fun weekend it was. The weekend flew past but provided us all with great memories. Great PT's, great company. You can't have one without the other.

Can't wait for next year's!

A CRUISE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Irene and I were invited to join her cousin in his 1992 Mulliner Park Ward Silver Spur on a Rolls Royce cruise to the Mosel. Thinking that it would be rather nice to be sitting in the back getting stuck into the crystal decanters and glasses we agreed to go but I was then designated as reserve driver and navigator.



Do the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club know how to cruise!! Twenty cars, ranging from a 1924 Ghost to a 2000 Corniche¹ assembled just outside Ashford for a 10 day trip to Mulheim on the Mosel and proceeded to the Tunnel and Ferry in two convoys for the first leg to Valenciennes some 110 miles away where they all arrived in time for dinner at the Campanile in Petit Foret.

Since some of these cars are rather valuable special security had to be arranged every night.

¹ See list of RR and Bentley cars on www.rrec.co.uk

Next morning “The Snails” set off after breakfast first followed by the younger cars that soon overtook them – one turbo Bentley couldn’t wait to get on the autobahn. The 7½ litre Ghost with an open drivers cab, driven by Derek with 12 year old Sarah (cocooned in an anorak) who gave the hand signals (10 year old John stayed in the warm in the back) was quite happy at about 50 mph. However a crash gearbox and drum brakes on the rear wheels only made driving a real skill. Through Belgium and Luxembourg to Trier and Mulheim for about 230 miles brought us to the Hotel Richtershof and the first of a series of fabulous meals with free wine provided by the local vineyards.

The next day was a leisurely boat trip down the Mosel to Traban Trabach, but once refreshed they were all driving again the day after to Mettlach and a tour of the Villeroy & Boch factory where we were all received royally. Another quiet day followed with a visit to a local vineyard for wine tasting and the next day found us in Trier where they really pulled the stops out. Parking in the town square (under police guard and a 1930’s British Bobby complete with bicycle) we were taken to the council chamber (more wine again!) and a presentation by the deputy mayor, before a



guided tour of the town, which is the oldest in Germany, by a couple dressed up as full Romans. We ended up the day with a glass of champagne near the Roman gate. A really nice touch was that they had found thousands of Roman coins in the river, which the Romans used to throw in to give thanks for a safe journey, and we were all presented with a coin. We made the papers and the local TV that day.



The following day was a tour of the Moselland Wine Co-operative, who have about 1/5th of total production, (wine tasting was compulsory) at Bernkastel and a tour of the town which is really spectacular. The final day was at leisure with a Gala Dinner in the evening. That evening there was a Mercedes club at the hotel who were vastly impressed as the RREC like to do things properly and it was a black tie event. The hotel took full advantage of the PR and the TV cameras were there in force.

Sadly it was then time to turn for home, with an overnight stop at Valenciennes again before the final day’s drive back to Blairyland. All cars made it back safely and the only problem over the whole 800 miles was a 70 year old 20/25 with a puncture.

A great bunch of people, an extremely well organised and detailed itinerary, and a fascinating collection of cars made for a really memorable cruise. The cost for 9 nights, including meals and wine, was £550/head – petrol and tunnel/ferry not included, which we thought was very good. Our only real problems were coping with very generous helpings of wine (but we managed) and the fact that nobody had told the local mosquitoes that the war had ended!

There are similarities with the PT – we have automatic, cruise control etc and it is possible to pick up a reasonable RR car for about £20,000. Performance is about the same and you still need notice to try a three point turn. Parking is a challenge – not only trying to avoid “Safeways” rash – it is a very long car. Steering is surprisingly vague but very forgiving for such a heavy car but petrol consumption is about twice as much as a PT. The extra maintenance costs tend to be

balanced out by the fact that depreciation is very low – some are appreciating (the Ghost was valued at about £120,000).



Club Cruisers in general were cleaner in detail, very little under bonnet cleaning, except the Ghost, which was a symphony in shining brass, aluminium, cast iron and copper – it would even make Khrome Kruzer look twice.

Peter & Irene Edwards

Picnic in the Park 2004

It seems like ages since this took place..... so much went on over the weekend it's hard to summarise it all up...the weather did us justice (JUST!) The terrible rain and flooding we'd had on the week leading to the event thankfully was not a problem. The rain stopped late on Friday night and began again late on Sunday night after everything had finished! Phew!

I arrived later than I'd planned on the Friday night, to find the Chrysler hospitality unit and marquee all set up and ready...the PT Bruiser was there, and many traders were arriving and setting up...tents were going up all round...this was the beginning of the Picnic in the Park weekend.

Like last year, when people arrived they came and collected their welcome pack from me, so it gave me a chance to meet most of the people who attended over the weekend. People were arriving all day in their droves...I'm not sure how many PT's we ended up with but we sure took up plenty of the field.

On Saturday afternoon, two cruises took place to Sywell Aerodrome which proved to be very popular (especially to those who found the bar!) The ice cream man also did good business!

Well done to Paul and Mick for leading the cruises. The first cruise donned the "Sparks" charity t-shirts as they were one of the charities we were raising money for over the weekend.



The rest of Saturday saw people arriving, making new friends and meeting old ones – spending money on accessories, or customising their PT's with pinstriping or Likwid Art.

Saturday evening arrived and time for the Grand Charity Auction. We must thank everybody who donated goodies to the auction, and thanks to Ray for organising and running the auction, also thanks to Kareena for being Ray's assistant and me and Lorraine who were the money-grabbers! In all we raised almost £850 which was split between Sparks and RNLI. Over the weekend you also helped raise almost £300 for the UK Cruisers nominated charity SNAP.

Everyone then had their BBQ's and a good feed, and no time to rest, the glow show was about to begin. LOADS of glowing PT's all lit up took it in turns to drive to the front, and complete with music and dry ice were inspected by the judges....Khrome Kruiser and friends (I think!) had even made a lighty up PT from a model one! (which they kindly donated to be auctioned). Merriments continued throughout the evening and there were a few fuzzy heads in the morning!!!!

Sunday saw yet more arrivals, and everyone beginning polishing their cars for the show n shine, and people preparing for the tailgate display...I took a look around the tailgate displays and the work put in by everyone was fantastic...I know the judge found it very difficult.



One tailgate display was "PT Fours" and had all sort of home made savouries and sweets with the proceeds being donated to charity.



As you can see, everyone was involved!!!

The overall winner was Lorraine Jackson with her PT Pirates...this display was actually intended for the 2003 Picnic in the Park but Lorraine and Paul didn't make it along...well worth storing safely for another year!





On display as well as the PT Bruiser, we had around 12 visiting Crossfires, around 12 Vipers and not one but TWO Stretch PT's!



Thanks to Maureen for doing the Nail Painting, and to the facepainters who were keeping the kids busy when they weren't on the bouncy castle or doing the colouring competition.

In the afternoon, judging took place for the show n shine. Here are some photos of the winners for you to enjoy:



Pictured left to right
Glesh, Keith & Tony (The Shiners), Keith (Khrome Cruiser), Chris (Kruzerfan)



Best in show – members choice



Best stock+



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants and to Mike for organising the categories and Meguiars prizes and keeping the judges under control!

Also, thanks to the judges, this must be one of the hardest jobs to do.

Picnic in the Park 5

This event will take place on September 10th and 11th 2005. Get it in your diaries!

UK CRUISERS GO POTTY

Last year, two UK Cruiser club members, Yvette & Keith, who also happen to be avid collectors of teapots, decided to take a visit to Teapot Island in Yalding, Kent. Yes, such an island does exist and it houses the largest private teapot collection on display in Europe. It also has the added benefit of having its own Potter on the island, Gary Seymour.

During this visit they tested an idea with Gary, to design and produce a ceramic PT Cruiser teapot, the first of its kind. At this point in time, Gary looked at them rather perplexed - running through his mind was "what on earth is a PT Cruiser". He was promptly shown a PT Cruiser parked right outside his workshop.

Gary filed this query at the back of his mind but after some persistent badgering he finally set about designing a prototype. When it was ready he contacted Yvette & Keith. They contacted some other club members and invited them along to see the first results out of the kiln and see whether Gary had captured a good likeness of the car.

So, one Saturday in July, a posse of UK Cruiser members descended on Teapot Island to look around and to visit Gary's workshop. I was one of those privileged members.



The prototype in white clay with no glazing was instantly recognisable as a PT and had indeed captured the true essence of the car.

We were overjoyed at the result and listening to Gary saying he could match paint colours, add personal touches such as number plates, spoilers, alloy wheels etc put us in seventh heaven. Not only had Gary produced a teapot prototype, he had also produced a prototype moneybox (to save for all those modifications club members dream of) and a desk tidy.



An impromptu photo shoot took place in the workshop leaving Gary looking very bemused. Within a few hours of the photo shoot pictures were downloaded on the UK Cruiser club site, and featured in the club newsletter, sparking immediate interest and orders, including one from the USA.

Yvette & Keith asked Gary if he could make and complete four PT teapots to be presented as surprise thank-you gifts during the award ceremonies at our annual PT convention later in the year.

Gary kindly agreed to let us pick up the prototypes so that we could display them, together with literature at our annual PT Cruiser convention in August at Northampton. The interest shown was fantastic and more orders taken. For some the problem of "what should I get for Christmas" was solved.



To top it all, Simon Elliot, the Managing Director of Chrysler UK, visited the stall and gave his seal of approval, and even gave Gary the go-ahead to market the PT's further in Chrysler garages around the UK.



The first completed teapot, in gold, was presented to Simon Elliot, which is going to take pride of place at Head Office.

The next was a teapot, in black presented to our overseas club members, Gert & Trini from Germany.



The next was a teapot, in black presented to our club organiser, Foxy and lastly a teapot, in steelblue presented to a little girl on her seventh birthday. Their reaction on the day was terrific and the members ecstatic.

I think I can safely say the whole weekend was a success for the club and for Gary. The variety of PT's on display has wooed him into wanting a PT of his very own. Who knows perhaps by next year Gary will be displaying his very own real PT in the "show & shine"

competition. From what started as a vague and tentative query to design a PT teapot has now successfully evolved in to a new item being included in Gary's product range.

Gary has filled a niche in he ceramic market by providing something that is different, unique and definitely collectible for any PT owner. Thank You.



Words & Pictures by:- Mrs Steelcruiser



● Mean machine – Chris Wilson's pride and joy.

A RECORD number of souped-up American Chrysler PT Cruisers cruised the country lanes of Essex in a dazzling display of chrome and colour.

More than 20 customised American people wagons rode into town at Mountnessing for a meeting of the UK Cruisers' Club.

No two vehicles look the same, thanks to customised spoilers and paint jobs.

Cruiser owner and Gazette photographer Adrian Rushton said: "If you drive one of these, you soon find yourself being waved at by other owners and often return to your parked car to find people admiring them."

"It's a vehicle which people either love or hate – there seems to be nothing in between."

Fans of the car can find more information on the UK Cruisers' website at www.ukcruisers.net

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● We love 'em – PT Cruisers owners Richard Whiteley, of Chelmsford, with children Hannah and Adam, Sandra and David Jordan, of St Osyth, and Carolyn and Adrian Rushton, of Colchester.

Our thanks to club member Adrian Rushton (rushphoto) for this article and publicity in the Evening Gazette.

A great photo of our UK Cruiser family friendly club.



Other Forthcoming Meets

Christmas do – 27th November – Quays Hotel, nr Billing, Northampton

We are having a get together at Billing on Saturday the 27th November, having a festive meal in the restaurant at 7:00pm, chilling out, having a drink and a good time. Most of us would be staying the night in the hotel (The Quays) and you would need to make your own room booking. Their telephone number is: 01604 417400 The Quays is the Premier Lodge hotel just outside Billing Aquadrome entrance (where Picnic in the Park is held) signposted off the M1 Junction 15.

If you are up for this, we need you to let us know so that we can book the numbers for the meal on the Saturday night. There are over 25 PT's going at the moment, so if you want to come along and join in the festivities ring or email Michelle and she will add your name to the list, or if you're online, there is a thread in the Events section where you can add your name.

GRAND CHARITY FESTIVE GET TOGETHER RAFFLE

We will be holding a very special raffle at the Festive Get Together at Billing. Tickets can be bought by email at kleebrooke@yahoo.co.uk and the money sent to us if you are unable to attend the actual event and would like to be included in the raffle. They can also be bought by post and by phone on 01322 349733 or Dave (Budweiser Blues) on 0208 309 0255 until 8.30pm, all tickets purchased by people who can't attend the event will be notified of their numbers and the winning numbers will be posted on the site and in the newsletter. All proceeds of the raffle will be going to Leuka 2000, which helps family and patients who have leukaemia and also for research to find a cure at Hammersmith Hospital in London.

Here is the start of the list of some of the prizes, which you can see some are very special, due to the high value of these prizes, the tickets will be £1 each.

- ☺ A years subscription to "Good Housekeeping" magazine (donated by them)
- ☺ 1 set of luxury car mats including parcel shelf mat embroidered with your handle or name of your choice in the colour of your choice (donated by JUSTMATZ)
- ☺ Signed 1st Day Cover "50 Years of Formula 1 at Silverstone" with official Silverstone franking signed by Marc Gene
- ☺ Signed 1st Day Cover "50 Years of Formula 1 at Silverstone" with official Silverstone franking signed by Jean Aleisi
- ☺ A genuine USA large Stars & Stripes flag (donated by Whitehouse Crayford)
- ☺ Large Luxury beach towel Cross of St George
- ☺ Official British Grand Prix 2001 Poster, this is a genuine race poster that you can't buy
- ☺ Official Jaguar team green T-Shirt
- ☺ Chrysler T-Shirt in white with winged logo on front
- ☺ Official Johnny Herbert black T-Shirt
- ☺ Giant white cuddly rabbit (donated by Mrs Khrome Kruiser's Mum)
- ☺ A 1:13 scale Volvo remote control Touring car, fully working, signed by Touring Car Champion Rick Rydell actually driven by him in the pits at Brands Hatch
- ☺ Minichamps 1:43 scale model in case signed by F1 driver Olivio Panis
- ☺ Minichamps 1:43 scale model in case signed by F1 driver Pedro de la Rossa
- ☺ Framed black and white cool photo of John Travolta driving his Hot Rod signed by him
- ☺ White Chrysler T-Shirt "Coolest ride in the planet"
- ☺ Nike sports shirt in sunset orange
- ☺ Large metal scale model of Cherokee Jeep (donated by Whitehouse Crayford)
- ☺ Chrysler Jeep khaki shirt (donated by Whitehouse Crayford)
- ☺ Official Dunlop Paddock Jacket in red
- ☺ Giant Teddy Bear (donated by Kent Pete)
- ☺ Giant Luxury Christmas Hamper full of lots of goodies (donated by The Shiners)
- ☺ Hitachi Micra Hi Fi System Vertical Loading Programmable CD Player MW/FW Tuner complete with remote control (donated by mrs Khrome Kruiser)

Danson Park, Essex area – Sunday 9th January 2005

The first meeting of 2005 for the Southern PTers will be held at Danson Park meeting at 11.00am then a short cruise and then back to Danson Park for drinks and lunch for those who wish to eat. Danson Park is sited just off the A2 London bound from Dartford tunnel come off onto the A2 London bound take third exit off and Danson Park is about 3/4 of a mile from there. Everyone welcome. Call Dave (Budweiser Blues 2 – contact details in front of newsletter) for more information.

Beaulieu – Sunday 30th January 2005

A day out to this venue is being planned for early next year. Beaulieu is situated in Hampshire and has the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu Abbey and Palace House. At the moment there are 11 PT's holding 25 people going, and it should be a super day out. People travelling from afar are planning to stay in Southampton on the Saturday night. If you are interested in this event call or email Michelle to add your name to the list!

Cruise the Netherlands 2 - 11-12 June 2005.

Pat and I plan to attend this cruise as we had such a great time at cruise the Netherlands 1. Take a look at this web site link for a taste of what you will miss if you don't come.

http://www.rdi.nl/rdij/ijsselmeergebied/scheepvaart/index_uk.htm



Cruising around IJsselmeer.

Shallow freshwater lake, northern and central Netherlands. It was formed from the southern part of the former Zuiderzee by the building of a dam (Afsluitdijk; completed 1932) separating the IJsselmeer from both the Waddenzee (the northern part of the former Zuiderzee) and the North Sea.

The dam that formed the IJsselmeer lies about 25 feet (8 m) above sea level and is 19 miles (31 km) long, extending between the provinces of Noord-Holland and Friesland. The dam was constructed of boulder clay backed by sand and is faced with stone to just below water level, on a base of boulders resting on mats of willow. There is a highway and bicycle path along the top of the dam; locks provide passage for barges and small seagoing craft. Regulated by sluices, the formerly brackish water has been replaced by fresh water, partly by inflow from the IJssel River, a branch of the Rhine River.

This source of fresh water is valuable to Noord-Holland and Zuid-Holland and Friesland during occasional summer droughts and also helps to improve their

brackish marshlands. The original fishing for herring, anchovies, and flounder has been replaced by freshwater fisheries, chiefly for eels. In spring, the eel larvae, born in the Sargasso Sea (a large tract of relatively still water in the North Atlantic Ocean) enter the lake through the locks.

Large parts of the lake's total area of 1,328 square miles (3,440 square km) have been reclaimed by constructing encircling dikes and pumping the water out. As a result, the land area of The Netherlands has been increased by 626 square miles (1,620 square km) of fertile polders.

12 UK Cruisers are going at the moment More details will follow in future newsletters - Kent Pete

2005 Dates for Your Diary – Car Shows And Events

Brentwood Racing Car Show 8/9 January.

It's held at the Brentwood Centre, about 10 minutes from junction 28 of the M25. I've been before and it's well worth a visit - lots of circuit and drag cars on display, plus loads of stalls etc.

The Sunday clashes with the Danson Park meet in Kent that I'm aiming to make, but I hope to visit the car show on the Saturday if anyone else is interested. For more details call Chris Wilson (Contact details on page 1)

Rockingham Days of Thunder

Days of Thunder is Rockingham's action-packed family day out that takes place on the first Sunday of every month between May and October. It combines a fantastic mix of top pop acts, fast and furious Days of Thunder racing and a whole host of other attractions.



From when the gates open at 9am the entertainment starts. The awesome 170mph+ Days of Thunder racing takes place over two 60-lap races with thrills and spills guaranteed! Also on track are the Pick-Up Trucks who provide some amazingly close racing on the 1.5 mile Rockingham banked oval.

- May 1st
- June 5th
- July 3rd
- August 7th
- September 4th
- October 2nd

American Auto Club International (AAC) all to be held at Billing Aquadrome:

- Springnationals - April 15th/16th.
- May Bank Holiday - April 29th to May 2nd (a four day meet)
- Summernationals - June 17th/18th.
- All Clubs Meet - 12th to 14th August

If we wish to attend any of these meets as a club, we will be welcome & an area can be reserved for us. 😊 Contact Chris Wilson for more details

Publicising Meets/ UK Cruisers Reps

If you have an event that you would like UK Cruisers to publicise, contact Michelle on 0191 2373570 or email michelle@ukcruisers.net or contact your local representative as listed on the contents page.

We are always on the lookout for Regional Reps...just really a point of contact for other PT owners. If you are interested in doing this, why not ring one of the reps to find out what they do to promote UK Cruisers in their area, or contact Pat for more details.

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.

New UK CRUISER North West Regional Rep

Hi I'm Peter Williams, I've lived in Manchester for the last 3 years and have recently taken on the role of North West Rep from Martyn aka Streetrod. Martyn did a sterling job for the UKC and I hope to try and maintain his high standards.

Previously, I was the unofficial North Western merchandise seller, a position I'd hoped to relinquish at last year's Picnic in the Park 4, due to having to carry heavy boxes of stuff around. But Pat Yule isn't known as Foxy for nothing and I came away with twice as much stuff as I'd started with previously!

You will notice from my signature that I'm also a member of PTCruisers Downunder. Their site is a free forum and members from the UK are welcome. We have a reciprocal arrangement with them where stickers are swapped, so anyone wanting a PTCDU sticker, get in touch, I still have some spares.

My PT is a 2001 Ltd Auto in probably the worst colour for keeping clean, aquamarine. I'm sure owners of both black & white cars would argue with me, but having owned those colours in the past (though not on a PT), believe me, aqua looks dirty all the time – no matter what you do to it! After attending my first "meet" and being the only stock car, a steady flow of sticky-on chrome bits have been added, but I have a theory. I've lived in Liverpool, many places in Wales with too many "fs" and "ls" to pronounce, Shropshire, Nottingham and now Manchester, I must have a bit of Romany in me, which would account for the desire to cover my vehicle in chrome.

Any members wishing to get local news or buy some UKC goodies (please buy lots to improve my fuel figures), contact me on PT_Pete@uk-cruisers.co.uk

Hope to see you soon.



NW Rep



UK Rep

NEW UK CRUISER SOUTHERN REGION REPS.

As many of you will know, Chris (Kent Kruzer) has played an active role over the last few years as one of the Southern Region Reps for the UK Cruisers.

However, due to a recent house move and a new baby, he feels he will not be able to continue to devote the necessary time required and has decided to relinquish the role.

To Chris, we would like to say a big THANK YOU for all you have done over the last few years, in particular, your involvement with the Picnic In The Parks, and more importantly, to his wife Sarah, for putting up with it all.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Dave Lewis (Budweiser Blues2), and Keith Leebrooke, (Khrome Kruiser) who, in addition to their busy day jobs, have bravely agreed jointly to step into Chris's shoes and take over as the new Southern Region Reps, aka Southern Rebels. We know you will do a sterling job.

The guys are already actively looking at dates and new venues for meets next year and would be happy to look into any additional ideas members might have.

You can contact either Dave on 020 8309 0255 or Keith on 01322 349733 up to 21.00 p.m.



Members Photos



Dear Pat

Thought you might like to put my cruiser in the next issue. It's a limited edition – with plenty of extras (in and out) also with Chrome wheels. First registered in October 2003 just got our new custom plates recently; nearest I could get to Jean & Edwin Geoffrey Bolderson! I enjoy reading the newsletters (very interesting) and hope to meet y'all at cruiser meetings sometimes.

Jean and Eddie Bolderson



Dear Michelle

Enclosed is a photo of my recently acquired PT Cruiser which I absolutely love, despite some of the negative comments that I have received. The best one being:- that it looks like a taxi on steroids!

Never mind, as we say in our house, if it isn't a PT Cruiser it's only a car!

P.S My leg was recently in plaster and the PT proved to be such a gem with wide opening doors and high seating.

Georgette Maynard

Ouch! – The PT's a toughie!



This is Malcolm's pride and joy...which ended up still at the dealers being repaired when Picnic in the Park took place...it didn't stop them from coming along though and enjoying the day in their courtesy Jeep! Hope you're all sorted out now and great news is that no-one was hurt.

Tim's Story

This all happened way back earlier this year, but people who aren't on the Internet won't have seen any of this. Tim Bone tells his story...

Travelling in the middle lane of the **M25** Junc 29/30 at 70mph, fairly heavy traffic - a bit of a commotion ahead and suddenly one car swerved to the outside lane, the car in front skidded off to the inside lane, which left me with a one second reaction to avoid the large piece of debris sitting in the road ahead of me...

On went the brakes, I turned right first towards the outside lane, then left to avoid the barrier, went across lanes and then corrected again to avoid other vehicles - at this point the back end went, and we spun around, went across all lanes and into the central reservation at 45 degree angle sliding backwards and along the barrier for around 200 yards.

So the damage you see is the front 45 degree impact, car then swung around to slam the back end in the barrier (exact imprint of the barrier on rear arch) with my door taking the impact from below of the barrier posts.



Front-end 70mph damage, steering broken, radiator back about 2 feet



Crash protection - door side bars



Witnesses said I did well to avoid other vehicles (missed 2 by a few inches) and Mr. Plod also said we were very lucky to just walk away.



Interestingly enough, Mr. Plod also explained that because we were going backwards at the time, the airbags did not deploy.

Still, the night ended with some humour when the tow truck that took us to the inlaws got stuck in the mud due to weight of PT and had to be towed out !!

Well...since then...Tim bought himself as a replacement PT a 2.4L GT Turbo...and ran

with the phrase...**From Green to Mean...**but NO that wasn't enough...he then moved from Netherlands to **TEXAS!** and is now the owner of this GT (high-output, autostick) Convertible in Metallic Graphite with a white leather interior!



Talking of the Convertible...

There's one for sale in Kendal! Got this the other day:

Dear Michelle, we've probably already met in the summer when UK Cruisers visited us up in Kendal. My name is Robert and I am representing ES Hartley over in Kendal.

I just wanted to drop you a line and some pictures of the new PT Cruiser cabriolet, which isn't available here until the tail end of next year. The car we have is the new 2.4 Ltd. Please note it is Left Hand Drive, sometimes a bonus these days! The car is for sale at £17495 + met paint @230+satnav @£1300.



If anyone is interested in the car, do not hesitate to call me on 01539 822450. Many thanks for your time,

Robert.



PMR PRESS RELEASE



Mid September saw Paul Marstons Drag Race Driving School making the most of the last Peak Performance day at Santa Pod Raceway this season. Dave Catton rejoined us, having already attended the Drag Race Driving School earlier this year getting licensing runs in prior to his competition debut this coming weekend, the National Finals at Santa Pod. Dave will be driving the Insanity Vega Pick-up, competing in Sportsman. At Peak Performance Saturday the weather kept us off of the Dragstrip most of the day, there was just about enough time to get the job done. Another pupil was finding his feet driving Grumpy's Dodge for the first time, all in all a good end to what has been a great season at Paul Marstons Drag Race Driving School.

Gary Springford at Drag Race Engineering is now building himself a Super Gas spec Doorslammer over the off season ready to make a full assault during 2005 on the National Championship. Gary has as we know enjoyed some success during the 04 season in Pro ET and is really looking forward to building his new ride.

With the Winter closing in don't forget, available now in limited quantities, Passenger Ride Experiences (The Perfect Christmas Present)!! Paul Marstons Drag Race Driving School courses, ½ day and full day available. Lastly, proving more and more popular, competing in National Event Competition by Hiring a Drag Race Driving School Racecar.

Full Crew and Pit facilities provided as part of the package.

This is on top of the improvements scheduled for the existing Drag Race Driving School Racecars during the off season which are pretty extensive. Paul Marston Racing is in for another busy winter.

This coming weekend sees all three doorslammers from the PMR stable The Insanity Vega Pick-up, Grumpy's Dodge and the PT Bruiser competing in all three ET categories, Sportsman, Pro and Super Pro being driven by Dave Catton, Gary Springford and Paul Marston respectively. Both Paul and Gary have enjoyed some degree of success over the past few events Paul with a .846 win ratio and Gary with a .750 based on their last three events.

Which Paul Marston when questioned said "This obviously means that both Gary and I are due a first round trailing!! My philosophy is always take the race one round at a time; we have just been lucky when we needed to be and tried our best every time. Make no mistake it's a team effort, we get told every single day by the crew, hey your guys are just the drivers, what do you know! Being serious for a moment, I just cannot believe that this is the last race of the season, it's just gone so quick, or am I just getting old?"

This coming weekend the National Finals at Santa Pod Raceway sees a couple of guest crew joining us, one being the driver of Grumpy's Dodge from last weekend, who wants to expand his experience further and another being the son of one of our sponsors, who really believes his parents have his best interests at heart by sending him with us for the weekend, when the crew heard this they couldn't stop laughing for nearly a whole hour!!

As you may have guessed the crew comprises of all the usual suspects this weekend, with the exception of Mick Pussey who is currently diving in the Maldives, swine!!

Well its time to thank all our loyal sponsors, without whom we would not exist, Chrysler UK, Mac Tools, London Road Tyres, Black Box London, Disco Equipment Hire, Drag Race Engineering, Numark UK, American based sponsors, BLP (Bo Laws Performance), ATI Performance Transmissions, Geddex (Dial-Down & Burnout Gard), and all the many many others that keep the faith. We look forward to seeing ya-all at the last race of the season, the National Finals at Santa Pod. The weather forecast is pure sunshine and the sun always shines on the righteous, especially those who go to church on Sundays, that's where you will find us, our church is a ¼ mile long flat piece of tarmac!

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Dear UK Cruisers

I am writing to let the club know that from 1st November 2004 we will be up and running with a small bodyshop, which will cater mainly for PT Cruisers. It will be mainly custom painting such as flames, multi colour paint jobs as well as fitting and painting body kits etc.

The bodyshop will be based in Hertfordshire and anyone will be able to get work done if they wish. My details are above so that fellow PT owners and club members can get in touch.

Our cruiser will be getting a full custom paint job in the near future!!!! :)

Yours sincerely – Barry & Tricia Cayley

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.

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New members since last newsletter – welcome everyone 😊

Chris Jones	Berkshire	Anne & John Downey	Bury
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Newsletter Articles

If you would like to submit an article to the newsletter please do – you don't have to worry about how to set it out, or it doesn't even need to be typed – I can do all of that!

Articles can be emailed to me michelle@ukcruisers.net or posted to me:

14 Montrose Close, New Hartley, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE25 0TA.

27 September 2004



Dear Patricia,

Thank you so much for your donation of £421.35 in support of SPARKS. I hope you all had another successful UK Cruisers picnic in the park weekend.

Your donation will help us to fund vital medical research to give children the greatest gift in life – a healthy start. I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our latest report to keep you updated on our latest medical research projects.

Also, if you have any good pictures from your recent event please do email them across. I can then have them put onto our website and forthcoming newsletter.

Your support is much appreciated.

Leo Hopkins
Events and Corporate Manager
leo@sparks.org.uk

Enc.

Thank you letters from the charities you helped at Picnic in the Park 5.

Well done everyone!

24 September 2004



Lifeboats

Dear Patricia

Thank you for your wonderful donation of £421.35 relating to the proceeds from a Charity Auction at your annual PT Cruiser Car show. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all those concerned for this support and interest in the lifesaving work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

This help is very much appreciated, since this year it will cost more than £107 million to run our fleet of 323 active lifeboats and 137 relief lifeboats around the coast of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. We receive no funding from Government, and are wholly dependent on voluntary donations, such as yours.

Thank you again for this donation, you can rest assured that it will be put to good use. Please accept this letter as the Institution's official receipt for your records, and I am also enclosing some information about the lifeboat service, which I am sure you will find interesting.

If you have any enquiries or would like to know about other fundraising opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Pearce (Miss)
Corporate Fundraising Manager



Special Needs And Parents

Dear Patricia

On behalf of everyone at SNAP, I would like to thank all the members of UK Cruisers for raising the fantastic sum of £296.30, which Andrea delivered to the SNAP office yesterday.

You may know through Chris and Andrea that SNAP is entering an exciting phase as we fundraise for the move to new premises next year and are continuing to provide vital day to day support for Essex families who have children with special needs and disabilities. Your donation is very important to us, thank you for thinking of us once again.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Needham
Manager

A support group for parents of children with any special need or disability

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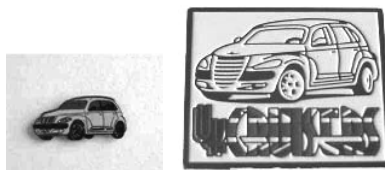
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CLUB PIN BADGES £4 inc P&P £1 donation to charity RAFT



Visor Oval/ Rectangle with Writing £7.50 pair inc P&P

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

Please state when ordering if you require oval or rectangular

Chrome Flames £5.50 pair inc P&P




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"

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
K & N Drop in air filters	£30.00
Can Coolies in blue, red and black	£2.95
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 – Limited, Classic or Touring)	£4.00
Hatch Flames (as above) in shade shifting colours	£6.00
Haynes Manuals	£15.00 Plus P&P



PT Logo for the pillars in black £17.50 per set.
UK Cruisers logo in black. £10.00 each.
All plus post and packing.

Customised Liquid Art also available. Contact Rob on 01922 645938 for more details. If you don't know what you want he'll help!