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Letter from the Ed:

Well Picnic in the Park is just about upon us, and enclosed with your newsletter are a booking form and information sheet about the event. Last years event was great, and it's just getting better and bigger every year.

There are also other meets going on almost every weekend somewhere in the country so if you want to meet other PT owners, there's plenty of opportunity to do so.

If you want to arrange your own meet, and would like us to publicise it on the website if you haven't got internet access – write or phone us with the details and we'll do it for you. You'll need a date and a location with plenty of parking – it's also useful if there's somewhere for people to eat, so if there's somewhere you enjoy going and would like your PT friends to come along, do let us know.

Loads has been going on down in the South, you will see a good few articles in the newsletter about this. Things have been a little quiet way up North in Scotland, despite attempts from a few people to get things off the ground – so if you're in Scotland and want to get out and about give Michelle a shout and she'll put you in touch with the right folks.

Huge congratulations go to Helen and Trevor Gunn (Steelcruisers) – they have been awarded by PToholics anonymous a 2005 "Most Obsessed" PT Cruiser enthusiasts award which they were presented at the Cruise the Netherlands event.

At Picnic in the Park we will be holding raffles each day. If you have any quality prizes that you can donate please contact Keith Leebrooke on 01322 349733.

Charity money raised this year will be donated to Leuka, a charity who support children and families with leukaemia.

Anyhow, looking forward to meeting new people and catching up with 'old' friends at Picnic in the Park.

Keep on cruisin'

Pat

PREVIOUS CRUISES AND MEETINGS

BEAULIEU 2005

by Pete Nankivell

Organising any event can be a headache so I really admired David Mackney (alias Elmo) for organising a PT Cruiser run to Beaulieu. To make things more of a challenge it was in



Great line up of PTs at Beaulieu and in January too!

the depths of winter - January 30th, when you wouldn't expect much support for any car event. The venue was also a long way further south than most previous PT events. It was predictably a grey January morning when Lucy and I made the always enjoyable drive through the New Forest and arrived at Beaulieu around 9am. Living fairly nearby, we had gladly volunteered for

gate duty. A few cruisers arrived soon afterwards, including David and son James in their midnight blue PT.

Then about half an hour later the sight we'd



Chris and Elaine alias T20 had a very long drive too as they come from 'proper up north' like Michelle and Alan.



Michelle and Alan drove all the way down from Tyne and Wear to be at the event. They got back in 5 hours which proves that their PT is as quick as it looks!

been waiting for as fellow club members arrived, their PTs cruising into view, all 22 of them. They had met up at a

Safeways car park about 10 miles away and I'm sure the convoy turned a quite a few

heads as they made their way across the New Forest. We all parked in the main arena and David arranged the cars in two rows facing each other. Our PTs aren't the most common sight on our roads so it was great to see thirty three of them all together. I don't think there were any two cars the same either, we even had a couple of new Cabrios turn up. Normally, car rallies are held in the show field so the Arena is a real prestigious place to show off a car. On a warm July day, literally thousands of visitors would be admiring the cars on display. On our day in January I counted three spectators and one of those was a black Labrador! There's plenty to do and see at Beaulieu - stately home, abbey, gardens, monorail,



Mark (Shep) looking pleased with his very smart new Cabrio, one of two at Beaulieu. Chrysler dealer Course and Beecham brought along a silver one.



Authentic 1930s garage exhibit at the museum.

simulator rides, restaurant/café, shop, various exhibitions and of course the National Motor Museum. It was founded in 1952 and has over 250 vehicles going back to the 1890s. Of the exhibits, I particularly like the 1930s garage, which is based on an actual garage that used to be in Wedmore, Somerset. The hundreds of spare parts and tools are a reminder of how unreliable some cars used to be.

At around 3.00 pm, Graham, one of Beaulieu's young employees, was asked by David to pick his favourite PT for the Car of the Day trophy. I had spoken with Graham earlier while he was helping out on the gate. He told me he wasn't a PT Cruiser fan – not sporty looking enough for him! But our cars are so individual that even he found a PT he liked. Lee Bristow's electric blue PT with its darkened windows and big chunky alloys.

It was a very enjoyable day and many thanks to David for organising it. He did it so well I'm sure he's already been asked about Beaulieu 2006?!



Car of the day trophy was presented to Lee Bristow for his very nice electric blue PT.

CRUISERS GO WILD

The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood, Kent provides a fun day out for anyone, anytime. The traditional preserved Oast Houses are now used as museums which you can meander round and at the same time gain a wonderful insight into how the hops were grown, picked and harvested to make beer as it used to be before factories and large breweries took over

In addition to this, the Hop Farm also has an animal farm area for kids, crazy golf, paddling pool, pottery painting, hot air ballooning and most importantly loads of open space. As a result of all this space, the Hop Farm can host a wide array of themed weekends, one of them being the Wild West Extravaganza which took place over the first bank holiday weekend in May 2005.



We first attended this three-day meet in May 2004. The weather leading up to it had been horrible and wet and so on the Saturday, with just 4 cars turning up and sinking in mud we wondered what we had let ourselves in for. Thankfully the rain held off and although grey and pretty dismal we still had a great time. Sunday proved to be the most successful turnout with 12 PT's present and clear blue skies overhead.

The main field area is taken over by the Indians, Southern and the armies who dress in character according to which side they represent and then live and breath the character the entire weekend as well as carrying out re-enactment of battle scenes. A full day's itinerary is available to watch the re-enactments as well as other demonstrations including horse trick riding, displays from the working Shire Horses, tribal Indian Dancing and modern day line dancing. For those of you who still need your retail therapy fix you can visit numerous stalls selling anything from cowboy hats to a full Indian Chief feather headdress, a mere snip at £500.00.



The week leading up to the event this year again saw the weather following the same pattern, but we were not deterred. We had been invited back to display our cars in the main arena. Having gained experience from last year, we arrived early to set-up base camp, 3 big gazebos linked together, with club banners / flags flying, picture boards and club information. We were ready and armed. On the Saturday we had just 8 cars, doubling the amount from the year before. We had a fun filled day and took the opportunity to see many of the events scheduled that day.



For those of us who were able to stay after the Public had gone home we took advantage of the wonderful evening sun and had an impromptu BBQ and a few drinks before heading home for a few hours kip in a nice soft bed, none of this camping malarkey for us, oh no!

Across the whole weekend, a grand total of 36 PT's attended, and again, the Sunday proved to be the most popular with 22 PT's and clear blue skies

overhead. There was plenty to keep the kids amused while many of us just used the opportunity to catch up with old friends and new and 'chill out' with a drink or two.

The Hop Farm owners were so impressed with how well we organised ourselves once on site that they have already invited us back for May 2006. So keep this date free in you diaries.

Words & Pictures by Mrs Steelcruiser

Bells Chrysler Dealership Official Opening Saturday 12th March 2005



Finally, and no thanks to the builder, the long awaited opening day for the Bells Chrysler Jeep Dealership was upon us.

After months of planning and negotiations the day had finally come for what started out as a normal Cambs monthly meet, but turned into a Spielberg epic!

On Saturday 12th March it was all systems go, as the day kicked off at

8.30am with cruisers booked in for services arriving first. The Kent contingency arrived next, closely followed by the Cruisers from Essex. The Cambs mob were meeting up at the old Myltons showroom ready to cruise over in convoy. They

arrived at 10.30am in the guise of the Tincas, P5ULK, ptpalmer, Gyrth and the Aviators, but no Burgerkings!



For organising my first meet, it was a fab turnout of 25 of the finest PTs. Parking was tight, and after much shuffling and free car washes all round, courtesy of Bells, the meet could begin in earnest.



The day progressed with everyone catching up on the gossip and admiring the cars. Bells had a range of cars for us to drool over, namely the STR10 Dodge Ram (I'll take 2 at £42,00 each!!), and pt cabriolet, crossfire's and the C300. A cold buffet lunch was kindly supplied by Bells, so many thanks to the dealership for that.

Then came the much-anticipated competition, judges by Bells and the guys from DC HQ here in MK. Time was taken and the results given out in the main showroom:

- Best Stock - Victor8 (Startech gearstick)
- Best Modified - Khrome Kruiser (Startech steering wheel)
- Best Overall - Shep (Startech wheels)
- Furthest Travelled - Kent Pete (Startech gearstick)

Congrats to all, well deserved!

The day culminated in the ultimate cruise down the arterial route through MK back to the dealership. The Burgerkings had now arrived to pick-up their brand new Dark Plum GT PT!

From here everyone dispersed back to their roots.



Overall a fantastic day, thanks to all who attended. I hope to make it an annual event, and a big cheer for Bells and DC UK for hosting the day (and they sold 3 GT PTs to members of UKC)

Cheers Mr Purple Ronnie

CRUISERS GO TO ... BROOKLANDS

29th May 2005

Not many people may be aware of this but 3 years ago the famous Brooklands Racetrack in Weybridge Surrey was bought by Daimler Chrysler and have hosted a Chrysler Day in May ever since.



The Mopar Muscle Association UK actually run the event and present a celebration of American Chrysler vehicles at the Brooklands Museum featuring Chrysler performance vehicles and its incredible range of styling throughout the post war era.



Also including Jensen and Bristol models, which have a history of Chrysler power. Brooklands has historical motors, motor-sport and aviation museums.



They are currently putting together one of the concords which will be based permanently at Brooklands. The track itself was the first purpose-built motor racing circuit being constructed in 1907. Some of the old banking is still accessible and is great for a personal photo opportunity.



MMA invited UK Cruisers along again this year. Although we had been in constant contact with the organisers, it was not until the actual day that we would know where we were to park.



Our first reaction on hearing where we were to park was that we were on the sideline, a bit adrift from the main event, and it left us feeling a bit deflated. But it soon dawned on us that the public car park filtered everyone down past the cars before they got to the main area and there was no way 25 PT's could be ignored.

A year ago part of that public was Tony and Keith, aka The Shiners, who came over to admire our PT's. They told us they had just ordered an infernal red and were waiting for delivery any day. I think its safe to say, and you have all probably heard it yourselves before, it was a day that literally changed their lives. We gave them the club membership forms so they could join, and they have attended many meets since and even managed to win Best Stock at PITP4. So we couldn't very well let this event pass without acknowledging their first introduction to some of the club members a year ago.



us and said we could take the remaining PT's up on to the track for a photo shoot, if we were quick. What a coup, it was fantastic. We were even allowed up on the bridge for some aerial shots which made the cars look like toys. I think I'm safe in saying it was the icing on the cake for us all. A perfect end to a perfect day.

As we were packing up to leave one of the event Marshals who we had spoken to first thing came to talk to



"We were even allowed up on the bridge for some aerial shots which made the cars look like toys."

Words and pictures by:- Mrs Steelcruiser

If you have attended an event, or have something of interest that you think people would like to read about, please send it to me:

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Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue

SUNNY SIDCUP
10th April 2005



Sidcup Place is the name of the lovely old building currently being used as a restaurant where we were all set to meet at 11.00. The building originally started off as a private boarding school before being turned into impressive Council Offices surrounded by beautiful manicured gardens as well as the added benefit of masses of open space providing ample parking, particularly for PT's, and facilities for tennis / football / crazy golf etc.

What an impressive site we made, in convoy, out and about in the surrounding area with flags flying. All except Steve, who lost one half way through, and which gave the opportunity for half the field following behind him to run over. By dropping out of the convoy, we managed to retrieve it for him, risking life and limb, I mean these flags are not cheap you know.



This was our second meet at this venue, again arranged by BB2 (we obviously were well behaved the first time). So with 22 cruisers lined-up and gleaming in the Spring sunshine, what more could you ask for? Perhaps a convertible, in electric blue, just like Mark's (SHEP) cruising with the top down, his hair blowing in the wind...☺ Anyway I digress.

As a result of this, we lost sight of the convoy and I suddenly had to revert to reading BB2's directions, OMG. No reflection on BB2, but me, (dare I say it), a women following directions, (I can hear you all now LOL) to which I hadn't been paying attention beforehand because I was trying to get some photos (what a surprise I hear you cry). Anyway we made it back safe and sound – HOORAH, just in time for the raffle followed by a spot of lunch and light refreshments ☺.



Eventually we all adjourned back out to the car park to talk-the-talk, to ooh and aah over who had the latest modifications, the shiniest PT et cetera, et cetera, and for those who

just wanted to enjoy the weather, tea and coffee in the picnic area.

How very civilised for a Sunday afternoon.



Words and pictures by:- Mrs Steelcruiser

RAVENSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 'CLASSIS CAR AND CUSTOM SHOW'

Ravenswood high school 'classis car and custom show' was held this year in May and was in its 24th year, as some of you know this year I was in the committee to help organise the whole event. They never even learnt as there want be to do the same next year.

On Saturday I had to pitch out the club stand area, so I had to give the UK Cruisers the largest area to park next to smallest club attending the event. I would like to state I also had to do this in the rain !!

So Sunday dawned I had to be there early as I was also the chief ,marshal of the event so had to make sure all those attending over 420 car where parked in the

correct area of they vehicle be club or single entry, and I can tell some of these people can not understand the most simple of instruction. At least us PT's managed to all park in the correct place without no hick up. We can be so servile and polite (How did I get into the club and not be kicked out Pat your shout I'm afraid.) So the rain stayed away unlike the wind the blow a fair bit and did make me wonder why I put shorts on that morning. The general where allowed in at 11am after I among other had successfully parked all those attending. The general seemed to enjoy themselves as we raised over 7k for the school funds.

At 2pm we asked to parade our beloved PT's around the arena to show off our highly polished machine, other than mine as I hadn't time to polish it due to running around checking all that parking.

The worst was yet to come as the Compare called Martin who also was on the show committee thought why not speak to Steve as I know him and that would make sense. So there I was being interviewed by him asking me questions about PT's and all those mods we have carried out to make them look so individual. I managed to do all that without once saying a rude word much to everyone's amazement including the other in the committee.

I hope everyone enjoyed the show as I didn't see much of everybody due to my Marshall and Judging duties. Most only saw me when I returned to my PT to get more coffee to keep me going or a beer from the boot which I also managed to do a few times. I can always find time for a friendly chat over beer.

The judging was fun as I actually judged with a guy that give me my first job in a garage, I'm sure he had a full head of hair once.

We as in the UK Cruiser came 2nd to The Southern Mini Owners Club, so I think we must try better next year guys as this will be our 25th year. So a bit special as when it started all them years ago it had 6 Beetles to show and has grown to the size it.

I hope all those that attended enjoyed themselves and will be attending next year Thanks Guys for making it a success

Steve.



Forthcoming Meets

2005 Dates for Your Diary – Car Shows And Events

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.

- August 7th
- September 4th
- October 2nd

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

Is anyone interested in making the All Clubs meet - now on 19/20/21 August? The AACI has extended an invite to UKC to set up a stand. 😊 Same weekend as the European Fast Car Show though. Contact Chris on 01277 229962.

[European Fast Car Show 20/21st Aug Brands Hatch](#)

We have once again been invited back to the Fast Car Show a few of us went last year it has now been made into a two day show. Driver and car free all other passengers get in at a reduced rate if pre booked at a cost of £10.00 children under 12 years of age FREE.

According to the flyer there will be Sports cars, classics, kit cars, modified motors, race cars, custom machines, supercars plus Arena events all weekend, driving skills competitions, trade stands, club displays (that's us) radio control car racing, and a full programme of on track action with the Aston martin owners club and BRSCC championships. more info can be found here....www.europeanfastcarshow.com

Anyone interested should contact Dave Lewis on 020 8309 0255
or email: busfx@tiscali.co.uk

Cruiser Clinic - Speeds of Nottingham 13th August 2005.

I am organising a PT Cruiser clinic (by invite only) at our dealership. The event is looking very popular, I am arranging for a full check up for all those who attend. There will be a cruise afterwards to Clumber park. The park allow BBQ's so you can bring them, or just a picnic and admire the selection of PTs that attend. It'll just be a nice trip out for us all to wind up the day.

Clumber Park is free to enter, but to explore the depths of Clumber house etc cost about 80p.

I am leaving the event open to suggestion so any further ideas please call me and I will try and help make this a good, enjoyable do.

To attend please email or call me on 0115 929 0 929 to **obtain an invite number**.

Thanks, cool car driving dudes!!!

Nick (madman)

I've inserted this information as a few of our members attended this show last year and displayed their PT Cruisers. If interested please read information and contact Can Am Car Club for further details.

THE NATIONAL CAN-AM CAR CLUB



THE CAR CLUB FOR OWNERS AND ENTHUSIASTS OF CANADIAN AND AMERICAN CARS
<http://national-can-am.co.uk/>

Dear Car Show Attendee,

We note from our record you came to our main car show last year.

If you remember it was held at Bournemouth Sports Club, unfortunately we were let down by the club who were going to supply on site catering. It is because of this and some other factors we have had to move the event to another location.

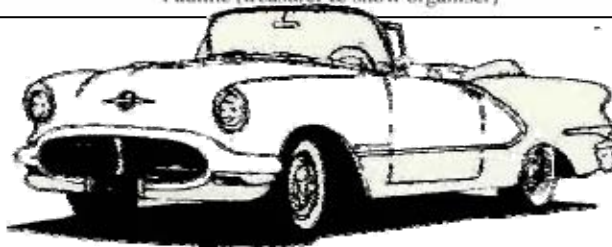
We are pleased to announce this years show will be held at Kingston Lacy House, which is near Wimborne on the B3082. It is well sign posted as it is a National Trust property.

It will take place on the 21st August 2005, and looks like it will be bigger and better than last year. If you would like to pre-book your place for this year please fill in the form enclosed.

Thank you,

Pauline

Pauline (treasurer & show organiser)



The National Canadian And American Car Club

You are invited to the National Can-Am Car Club's annual show on Sunday 21st August at The Kingston Lacy Estate, near Wimborne. On the B3082. Well sign posted (national trust site). Catering will be provided on the day. Sunday's show day will provide entertainment for the whole family, with over 400 vehicles on display last year. Trade stands and music entertainment. Prizes will be presented during the course of the show.

Dear Sirs:

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 (AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1991) SECTION 173A
 From July 1st 1991 the offences of dangerous, careless and inconsiderate driving of a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road also applies to a public place (i.e. car shows). All vehicles must be road taxed and insured for third party. Participating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited.

(Understand the above and agree to comply with the relevant regulations of the new Road Traffic Act laws.)

Signal: _____ Club (if any): _____
 Name: _____ Vehicle Reg. & Year: _____
 Address: _____ Make and Model: _____
 _____ Post Code: _____
 _____ Telephone: _____

Please list names of all attendees and state whether adult or child.
 If you would be willing to help out on the day please put a tick in the box

Pre entry prices: - £4.00 per vehicle (cars & vans) Motor bikes £2.00
Pre entry prices include passengers
 On the day prices £5.00 per vehicle plus £1.00 per passenger
 children under 14 & O.A.P's £2.00
Remember it pays to pre enter

Please return completed forms with stamped addressed envelope and cheques payable to "National Can Am Car Club" to Pauline Sturley, 91 Columbia Road, Ensby Park, Bournemouth, Dorset BH10 4EB or phone 01202 388921

Great Yarmouth Meet 28th August

TO CRUISE OR NOT TO CRUISE THAT IS THE QUESTION!!!!

EAST COAST CRUISE

DATE: 28th August 2005

MEETING POINT: The PONTIAC ROADHOUSE (formerly the Stracey arms) A47 Acle Straight

TIME: 10.30am

Greetings from the East coast (yes there is life north of Essex) Summer is with us and don't you just hate it when you go to the coast you get those kev's and trev's in their little escorts and citroen saxo's trundle down the front with large pieces of trim super glued onto the car with panel gaps you can park a bus in with their stereo's up full thinking they know how to cruise well I think its time we show them how to cruise with style.

After the initial meet up we shall have a little cruise down to Gt Yarmouth and down along the front and back then travelling down the A12 to Lowestoft and along the front there. returning to yarmouth for a couple of drive bys then we will park up to get some eats (this may be a bit of a lottery but I'm hopefully we can all get parking in the large carpark located at the south of the front near the pleasure beach) then if you wish we can split for a time to enjoy the attractions B4 we meet up around 5 for the East coast truckers charity convoy which is the largest convoy in Europe (over 90 trucks) then back to the cars for a final cruise before splitting up for home. One word of warning we must be off the front before 5 as the police clear it for the convoy but we can follow shortly after..

So lets show the little kev's and trev's wot cruising is really about if you have chrome make sure its "blingin" (I don't believe I just said that) Please contact me if you need info/map I'll do my best to help. Hope the weather is with us and I hope to see you all there as this is the first east coast meet I hope its a good one All the best look forward to seeing you there Keith (smeghead) The PT CRUISER not just a car a lifestyle!

CONTACT: Keith a.k.a SMEGHEAD smeghead_6@hotmail.com or call 07834918106 or drop me a p.m via the website

[St. Neots Carnival Parade/Procession 27th August](#)

I know someone on the Carnival committee and I asked them if they would allow a car club to join in the parade. I received a positive reply!

Any of you "Cruisers" around here like to do something like that? I'm up for it.

Let me know and if there is enough interest, I'll get the ball rollin'

Crewzer 😊

(If you're interested in this please call Michelle 0191 2373570 and she'll pass your details onto Crewzer)

Cambridgeshire Cruise – 18th September

As people seemed to enjoy last September's Cambs cruise to Turweston Aerodrome on the day of the Vintage Aircraft Club's Wings and Wheels Fly In, I'm suggesting that we do it again this year. It will be at the same venue on 18th September when the VAC will be again holding the same fly in, and weather permitting there should be a good turn out of vintage aeroplanes, cars, motor bikes and farm machinery for the event.

Carole and Mick, (aka Mr. & Mrs. Aviator), will supply the chef, barbecue grills, side salads and tea and coffee. Anyone attending will need to bring their own meats, (or other items that need cooking), bread and their own cold drinks.

The café on the airfield will be open on the day for anyone wishing to purchase their own food.

We are thinking of organising a local cruise of around 30 miles around sites of interesting the Silverstone and Buckingham area during the afternoon.

If anyone wants to attend and needs further information, either check out the events forum or contact Mick on 01933 674759.

Aviator

Southend Cruises

We've got some info about the Southend legal cruise that you might like to add to the newsletter, as other UKC members are asking about attending. It started in November '04 but only recently got better organised and the web-site is now up and running.

It is held on the second Saturday of each month but you need to pre-register if you want to show your car.

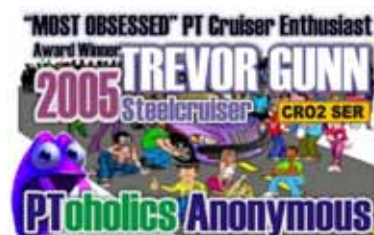
To do this send your car details in an e-mail to info@southendcruisepartnership.co.uk ,

or for more information visit www.southendcruisepartnership.co.uk

Many thanks for all your hard work,
Keith & Tony (The Shiners) 01375 391107



2005 "Most Obsessed" PT Cruiser enthusiasts award



Helen and Trevor Gunn (Steelcruisers) of the UK were presented with the 2005 "Most Obsessed" PT Cruiser enthusiasts award during the Netherlands Cruise Event. Miss Becky Allen of the USA, a Crisis Counselor with PToholics Anonymous participated in the event and made the award presentation.

Helen and Trevor were nominated for this award by Pat Yule, founder of the UK Cruisers and a Crisis Counselor with PToholics Anonymous.

"Helen and Trevor have been members of the UK Cruisers for three years. During that time they have worked unstintingly promoting the PT Cruiser in their region of the UK and further afield by helping at shows, organizing shows and more importantly, helping with PT charity events. They travel to meetings all over the UK and are always willing to help out, leaving PT introduction cards on PT's, etc. They are total PT Cruiser enthusiasts"...Pat Yule

Helen and Trevor.....Thank You for all you do for the PT Cruiser Enthusiast Community!

.....PToholics Anonymous



In the News

If you see any news articles you would like to share with others, please post them to me for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Michelle

siguardian.co.uk

Entertainment



Polished article: The American Chrysler PT Cruisers owners club, UK Cruisers, will be getting together this Sunday to show off their vehicles. See page 36.

Lifting the lid on mean machines

Normally considered one of the last bastions of male exclusivity are car clubs, miles of chrome, whitewall tyres and screaming hand-brake turns being demonstrated by middle-aged boy racers reliving their Dukes Of Hazard days.

But those days are gone as far as the American Chrysler PT Cruisers owners club UK Cruisers is concerned.

For one of their leading lights is Helen Gunn of Worcester Park, the proud owner of a distinctive Chrysler PT Cruiser, and who in the words of the Queen song, is in love with her car, or

COMEDY HIGHLIGHT:
Director Rob Clark talks to Gareth Foreman about Sutton Amateur Dramatic Club's version of Our Town.

at least the car she shares with her husband.

This weekend Helen and many other enthusiasts will be showing off their cars at a meet at Epsom Downs at 11am in the gravel car park at Tattenham Corner.

But to whet your appetite

Helen explained her love of the Cruiser.

"We bought the car two-and-a-half years ago and it was the first time we agreed on which one to buy," said Helen.

"So we got rid of our respective cars and bought one. It was the shape and style which attracted us they are so completely different to anything else on the road.

"No two are the same and once you start customising them it makes them even more distinctive.

"We have spent a few hundred pounds on ours but there are some people who

have spent thousands on customising their cars."

Helen has now owned her cruiser for almost three years and in that time she and her husband have become enthusiastic members of UK Cruisers.

"There are events nearly every month and its up to the individual how many you go to. But they all have a great atmosphere and are open to everyone from youngsters right up to pensioners."

American Chrysler PT Cruisers Meet organised by UK Cruisers, Epsom Downs, gravel car park at Tattenham Corner, March 13, 11am.



Showing off: UK Cruisers will be meeting this Sunday morning.



PT Cruisers at Sidcup Place

What's a PT you may ask? Well anyone out and about on Sunday 10th April may well have seen a convoy of 22 PT Cruisers, with flags flying, driving through Sidcup High Street and surrounding areas.



This is the second time the club have met at Sidcup Place and attracted members from the PT Owners Club in Essex, Kent, Surrey & Hampshire providing them with an opportunity to show off their American style cars to other club members and the public.

The customisation bond amongst these enthusiasts it seems is firstly, the love of the car's "retro styling" and secondly, it is "that little bit different" from anything else in the market today.

Many owners, have taken this quite literally and have used this as an excuse to run riot with their imagination to extensively customise their PT Cruiser further with chrome accessories such

as front grills and beltlines, neons, pinstripe artwork, lowering, Likwid Art graphics and much, much more, only stopping when the bank balance runs dry.

It doesn't matter where a meet is held, the organisers always ensure it is family orientated, so that anyone who is not particularly driven to modify their PT Cruisers can still come along and enjoy the event.

Further details of the club can be found on www.ukptcruisers.net.

Words & Pictures by:
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Is this America's Marmite motor?

TestDriving



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Chrysler **PT** Cruiser



RATHER like those who market Marmite, Chrysler has probably realised that car buyers either love or loathe its PT Cruiser.

But in a car market where few cars step outside of clearly defined sectors – although many modern trends have been sparked by carmakers that dared to do so – the PT Cruiser shines like a beacon.

I'll say right now that I no fan of modern-day US culture and pleased to see blows struck lately by Jamie Oliver against the American-style junk food epidemic that threatens our children.

But the retro-style PT Cruiser recalls a nostalgic era in the USA that spawned rock 'n' roll and then the girls, hot rods and surf era of The Beach Boys.

In other words, if BMW can have so much success with a re-born MINI evoking the Swinging Sixties, why can't Chrysler win huge sales for the PT?

Well, part of the problem has been that the PT might look like a nose-heavy hot rod from a ZZ Top rock video, but there isn't an engine in the line-up that makes it go like one. Add to that that there is a front-wheel drive set-up and relatively compact dimensions, means that we were never likely to see a legendary Chrysler V8 shoehorned into the space beneath the 'hood'.

In any case, we care about the environment

on this side of the Atlantic don't we?

All of this meant that the PT's best engine has been the smooth and economical Mercedes 119bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel. While 0-60mph in just under 12 seconds is hardly in harmony with The Beach Boys' 'Fun, Fun, Fun', the fuel savings and torque hit more high notes with buyers than the 140bhp 2.0 petrol alternative that needed some coaxing – normally at the expense of fuel consumption.

Rumours abound that the next generation PT might offer more authentic hot-rod power for those who desire it, but the current car has a boost for the time being, with the arrival of 2.4-litre unit we have just tested.

It develops 143bhp and 158lb ft of torque, compared with the discontinued 2.0's 134bhp and 139lb ft respectively, and offers a slightly improved top speed of 121mph and 0-62mph in 10.6 seconds.

It makes a big difference and, with the PT keenly priced and well established as a reliable and – underneath the retro clothing – practical 'people carrier', makes it a much more tempting proposition.

The new engine means that the 'Yank' can show many European compact MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) designs that enjoyable driving doesn't have to die when the owner buys this type.

As I said, it will never be a hot rod, but the PT doesn't heel badly on bends when pushed hard, it grips and rides well on its long wheelbase and the longish gear stick, capped by its 'billiard ball' knob, allows a deceptively slick change. It is also a comfortable and relaxed motorway cruiser despite the fairly upright styling.

So, the new engine makes it a much harder decision for would-be buyers: do I let my head rule and go for diesel economy or do I let the heart tell me to go for something closer to the PT's spirit of America?

It's easy after that because, assuming the PT styling has passed the Marmite test, you are actually buying a surprisingly practical car.

PT stands for 'Personal Transportation' and the interior space is excellent. Headroom is good for all passengers and the retro-style 'chairs' are very comfy, with armrests fitted to the front pair.

The three rear seats split/fold 60/40 for flexibility and are removable too, creating a massive 1,818 litres of load space that rivals 'mega' estate cars like the Vauxhall Vectra.

A two-position parcel shelf-cum picnic table allows rear passengers to safely stow gear or schoolbags over their shoulders without the necessity to open the hatch – and there is even a power point in the boot.

The interior styling might come across as a bit cheap, with some bare metal, but it does go with the car's image and it is all well screwed together with lots of stowage space, although I do think the steering wheel is a bit 'plasticky'.

Equipment is generous too with power steering, central locking, ABS, air-conditioning, electric mirrors, CD/radio and front and side airbags.

DrivingStats

Chrysler PT Cruiser 2.4 Classic, £12,995 on the road, entry model in a range extending to the 2.2 CRD Limited (£17,220).

• Garage stats: 4.28m by 1.70m five-door MPV.

• Powertrain: 2,429cc/143bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving the front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox.

• Company car tax liability: 231g per km CO2 emissions.

• Performance: top speed 121mph and 0-62mph in 10.6 seconds.

• Official fuel figures: city 20.9, rural 37.2mpg, average 29.1mpg.

• Fuel tank: 12.54gallons/57 litres.

• Insurance group: 12.

• Warranty: three years/60,000 miles.

• Website: www.chrysler.co.uk

• Arch rival: Ford Focus C-Max.

• Others to consider: Citroen Xsara Picasso, Fiat Multipla, Honda FR-V, Mercedes A-Class, Nissan Almera Tino, Renault Scenic, Vauxhall Meriva or Zafira, VW Touran.

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This isn't a PT Cruiser article, but I did receive it from 3 members, so here it is!

STOWAWAY: Pet hamster causes a fright after becoming trapped behind a vehicle's dashboard for more than 200 miles

Panic after Freddie's big dash for freedom



Freddie is back home with his owner Alexandra

WHEN Freddie the hamster took a trip to Heathrow he travelled dashboard class.

For the Sidcup pet got caught up in a car's dash and remained there - during a 228-mile journey from Gatwick in Littlehampton to Heathrow airport.

He then stayed in the warmth of the car's nerve centre for a further 56 miles to Sidcup.

Helen Wheatley had been looking after Freddie while her daughter Alexandra was on holiday, and had packed him in his cage for the journey to greet her at the airport.

But trouble brewed when Helen realised instead of running around his wheel, Fred-

die was hidden somewhere behind the wheel of the car. But while she knew he wasn't caged, she could not find the little rodent.

She said: "I was devastated. Alexandra loves her hamster and she would be devastated. I had no idea if he was in the car or if he had managed to get into the engine compartment. I was really worried he might chew through some wires on the car."

"I searched for him, but to no joy. I was really distressed and up to my elbows in oil and grease."

Mrs Wheatley reluctantly continued her journey and picked up Alexandra as planned, oblivious to the fact the Houdini hamster was making himself at home behind the dashboard.

Helen was forced to tell 999 to her daughter about Freddie's whereabouts - and his cage!

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It took the mechanics an hour to carefully remove parts of the dashboard, taking care not to frighten the hamster further away, before Freddie was finally free.

With great relief Mrs Wheatley was then able to go home and open up to a rather amazed Alexandra.

Forget Chicken Run, now there is a hamster taking a starring role in The Great Escape. Crayford mechanics drew on all their training in a dramatic rescue operation, Ellie Guttridge finds out more.

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A special thanks to two rescuers



The thank you card given to the garage

WHEN Mrs Wheatley arrived distressed and flustered as to where Freddie could be, the friendly mechanics at Chrysler Jeep service station quickly reassured her the job would soon be in hand.

Graham Brockles, service manager, said: "We could hear scratching from behind the dashboard and realised it must be behind there."

"Mrs Wheatley was over so upset about it all. We gave her a cup of tea and managed to calm her down and set to work on freeing Freddie. We took a section of the dashboard off and had to be ready to catch him."

It took Graham Brockles and Peter Christie nearly an hour to free the trapped hamster. Efforts to coax him out with yogurt sticks proved fruitless and large sections of the dashboard, air conditioning and radio had to be taken out before Freddie could be grabbed.

What a laugh

LOOKING back at the whole escapade, Alexandra and her family are now able to laugh.

It was only after Mrs Wheatley returned home with Freddie safely back in the cage that Alexandra learned of her mother's ordeal.

"I thought something was up because mum just dumped me at the house and rushed out again," explained Alexandra, 20.

"She was out for ages. It did surprise me when I found out but then Freddie did escape the first day I got him."

"I would have been upset if he had escaped for good, but I wouldn't have held it against mum."



Peter Christie and Graham Brockles looking for the stray hamster

Charging Ahead

I was interested to read your write up of the Mopar Meet at Brooklands in 2004. I was there as part of the UK Cruisers Club who were invited to display by the MMA. Whilst nobody would question your comment about their performance, I think my story demonstrates why this kind of crossover at shows is important. A few weeks after the show I was lucky enough to land a new job close to home and no longer needed to have such a sensible car sitting outside depreciating in value. I was so inspired by what I had seen at the Brooklands show that I knew a Mopar Muscle Car would be the way forward. My PT went up for sale, and I now have a 1967 Charger with a 383 sitting outside my house. Who knows what I could have ended up with if the MMA weren't open minded enough to have sent that invitation, and I am now a fully paid up member.



Nick Grant, Croydon (article from Custom Car magazine - letters page)

IMPORTANT – CHECK YOUR FRONT TOW RING



Having just returned from a trip to the Dordogne valley in France I would like to advise the following.

On driving out of the hotel car park at Argentat I lost all clutch and only with difficulty managed reverse to get back to the hotel car park.

We telephoned the Chrysler Privilege Service as PT was still under warranty (only 16,000 miles). They sent the same day (Sunday) a French mechanic who stated "La Pedale d'embrayage va au plancher et aucune vitesses

s'engage" which was finally translated as KAPUT!

They arranged for a transporter the next day to take a look to Limoges and the Chrysler agent. When the transporter arrived we discovered that the screw in ring (towing eye) was missing from the jack package. PLEASE CHECK YOURS. With some French ingenuity two hooks under the car and it was winched on. I dread to think what they hooked onto.

After 2 nights in Limoges (a very nice town) we returned on our journey home.

Note from ed: We had to be towed once, and although our towing ring was in the jack pack, all nice and shiny – the rubber bung in the hole in which it screws into was no longer there and it had rusted so badly there was NO THREAD to put the tow ring in. Again – please check this.

EXPERIENCE OF CANTERBURY MOTORS by Keith Leebrooke

My car was due for it's MOT last Saturday and one of our other members was due at the same time, so we decided to do them both together and make a day out of it on Friday. This was at Canterbury Motors formerly known as Motorway Sports. We dropped the car off at 8.00am and returned around 2.00pm and didn't see the car in the car park, I immediately thought something was wrong. I waited over 30mins and the staff knew we were waiting, someone finally came out to inform me that my car had failed it's MOT and here's where the saga begins.

I was informed that the exhaust pipe between the main cat and the exhaust pipe clamp was loose and this was a fail, the lam sensor failed the car on it's emissions, also the 2 front shock absorbers were leaking badly and needed to be replaced. When I enquired why I was not informed by phone on my mobile of the problems, I was told that it had taken them until we got back to get the prices on 2 shock absorbers. On questioning this, I was let into the garage to see the shocks on the car myself. On inspection I found mud and water around the shock absorber, where I had jetwashed the car the night before. The Manager argued the point with me saying that it was oil that was coming out of the shock absorber and I said I knew the difference between oil and mud and water. He then said he would get a second opinion and appeared with a very balshy mechanic who took one look at the car and said I would have failed this anyway Mate. He argued the point about it being oil and I said No it was mud and water. We weren't getting anywhere and by this time I was getting the right ump, so asked them to get my car off the ramp and I would take it away. On Saturday I put the car up on ramps and looked at the exhaust bracket and shocks, and the so called loose bracket, which they said they tightend up, was solidly rusted in place and I would like to know how you can tighten brackets up on rust without disturbing any of it. The shocks were just wet and muddy.

This is where it gets better. On Monday, I took it to the main MOT station in Bexley and the car passed. I asked the MOT Inspector afterwards to check the front shocks and he said there was nothing wrong with them, they were like new. It also passed the emissions first time.

So the moral of this is, Do Not go to Canterbury Motors for an MOT, Do Not go to Canterbury Motors for servicing. In my personal opinion, they are trying to have one over on you if you have a car that is a bit different.

tailback.2.back.meeting

FOR ALL WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT TAILBACK.2BACK MEANS, SUBJECT IS OUR WEEKLY 2 TIMES PROCEEDED (SAT.+SUN.) PRIVATE B7.PT CLUB-MEETING. THE LOCATION IS PRIMARILY AT ONE OF THE SEVERAL LAKES IN OUR REGION. FIRST WE MEET, THEN A 10-KM JOGGING, AFTER THAT, A LITTLE BREAKFAST, CHILL OUT AND RELAXING. THE DANCING BUSINESS IS OPTIONAL AND WILL DEPEND ON THE CONDITION AND MOOD OR SPECIAL AGREEMENTS







TO BE CONTINUED ...

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.

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Smooth Rear Bumper Cover	£295
Rear Hatch Spoiler	£179

GTS Light Covers

Clear headlamp covers	£45
Smoked headlamp covers	£45
"Pro-Beam" headlamp covers	£65
Smoked tail lamp covers	£45

Miscellaneous

Stull Billet Grille inserts	£650
Laser Dual Exhaust System	£368
Eibach Springs	£195
Camber Kit	£55
American Racing wheels	
Aero 17" x 7.5" Polished Alloy	£175ea
Aero 18" x 7.5" Polished Alloy	£295ea

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:

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North Hants Tyre	10%	North Hants	www.northhantstyre.co.uk	01252 613261
OK Diners	15%	Anywhere		
American Autobarn	10%	Peterborough	www.americanautobarn.co.uk	01733 533132
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PT Tuning	10%	Netherlands	www.pttuning.nl	00 31 6 51110822
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Chrysler Parts

Listers Chrysler and Jeep in Coventry

UK Cruisers receive 10% discount on stock ordered parts (on production of a valid membership card or number)

Any parts ordered on a VOR order will be sold at full retail.

Speak to Dean in parts on 02476 456700

Replacement Bulbs

Power Bulbs Limited are kindly offering UK Cruiser club members 10% discount. Contact John on 0845 1232855 to order bulbs. Their recommendations are:

- Low beam H7 type Osram SS is the best for the Xenon/Blue look I would recommend the Osram Cool Blue
- The best high beam HB3 9005 I would recommend the Philips Premium or the Philips Ultra Blue Vision
- The best fog lamp is the HB4 9006 as HB39005
- The best W5W (sidelights) is the Philips Ultra Blue Vision which comes free when you order (www.powerbulbs.co.uk)

Aftermarket Accessories

SILVERSTONE MARKETING has a section dedicated to the Cruiser including the PT Woody range, techflex sleeving, lowering springs, air filters and California car duster products.



You can contact them by phone 01327 359666, fax 01327 354333 or e-mail to sales@silverstonemarketing.com

Payment by credit card/cheque. Please allow 14 days for delivery.

Visit Ossie at the PT Cruiser store.



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Picnic in the Park 2005....

.....it will soon be here - so, if you want something importing from the USA i.e. styling accessories, bodykits, performance parts etc etc.

Get in touch as soon as possible and we'll bring it along to Picnic in the Park.



Chrome Wheel Arch Kit

Set of 4 wheel arches plus FREE chrome fuel door cover. Wheel arches clip onto the wheel arch of your Cruiser to give it that retro look. Fuel door cover sticks over the standard colour coded fuel door with 3M double sided tape. Both are easily installed in minutes!

Priced right @ only **£79.99** + **FREE Chrome Fuel Door Cover**



Chrome Door Spears

Set of 4 PT Cruiser spears. Easily installed over the existing colour coded door spear to give an outstanding look to your Cruiser! All spears have 3M double sided tape for a great fit.

Priced right @ only **£69.99** Normally ~~£79.99~~ - you save **£10.00**



Chrome Detailing Kit

Much improved chrome detailing kit now available at reduced rate throughout August. Far better quality than previous chrome detailing kits. Choice of 3 thicknesses, 3.5mm, 7mm, or 21mm. All rolls are supplied with pre-stuck 3M double sided tape.

Priced right @ only **£16.99** (3.5mm x 10m)

Priced right @ only **£17.99** (7mm x 10m)

Priced right @ only **£24.99** (21mm x 5m)



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Suitable only for the 2.0 16v Petrol engine PT Cruisers. Service your car with quality branded parts at a reduced rate throughout August only.

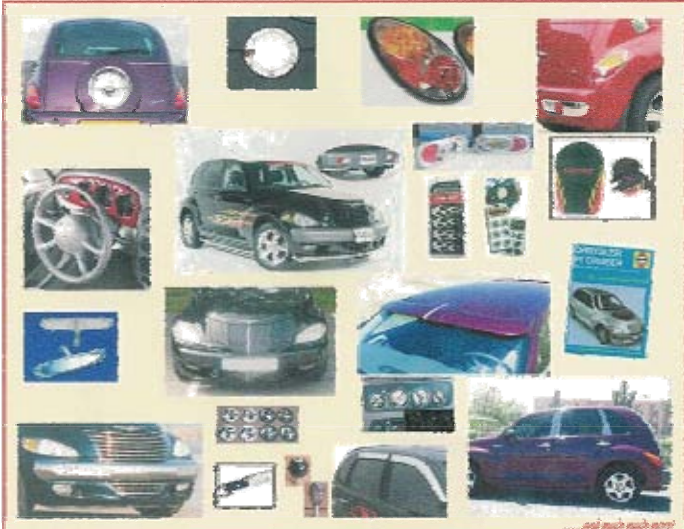
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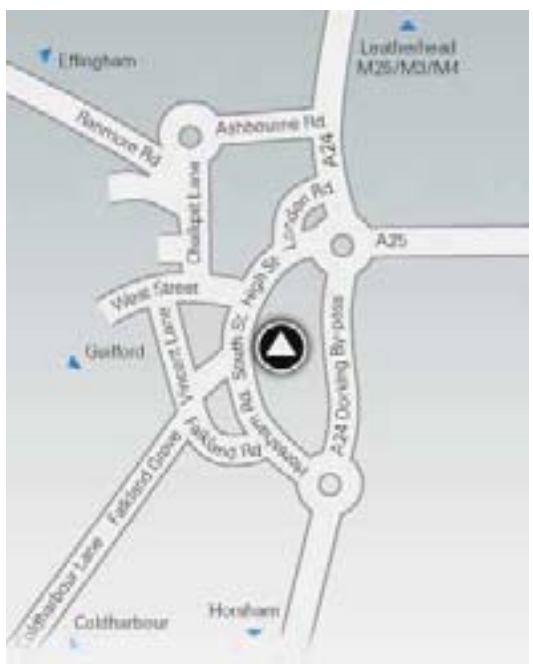
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TURKEY APARTMENT FOR RENTAL – UK CRUISERS SPECIAL RATE

Hello- Kareena here

The apartment is in Altinkum, Turkey and is on the ground floor and has a large bathroom with WC, the living room and kitchen are combined but is big enough for the whole family. there is a room with a double bed and a room with 2 singles. There is a put u up sofa in the living area . Maximum 5 people. It is suitable for disabled and children, it is on a secondary road, so very few cars go down the road, It is 2 minutes walk to the big supermarket Gima and 10 mins walk to the beaches, nightlife and town. All the action is based on the beach front, thereby providing you with a quite place to reside in. The buses run outside the supermarket if you don't want to walk and cost .25pence a ride.



Sorry, there is no pool as apartments tend to get small poky pools, you can use any of the hotel pools for the price of a drink , but with the beautiful beaches, do you really want a pool?

Facilities provided are washing machine, fridge, cooking facilities and TV with DVD player. Sheets are provided but need to be washed for the next guest. Maid service can be provided for an additional cost, this is a self catering accommodation and you are asked to leave it as clean as you find it. Basics, such as tea, coffee, salt, wash up liquid and cleaning products are provided.



A pick up from the airport can be arranged, this costs £30 one way, (to be confirmed) or hire a car, normally £23 a day.

Each week costs £120 but for PT cruiser members it will be £90 a week or £150 for 2 weeks For dates in August please add £20 per week. (2005 prices)

-A £100 deposit will be asked for 2 wks before departure & returned when property confirmed clean with no breakages or losses & reasonable use of electric-----For more info either email me kareena2b@yahoo.co.uk or phone w/ends 0207 207 4801

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.**

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
 T shirts
 Sweatshirts

£16 inc P&P
 £13 inc P&P
 £17.50 inc P&P



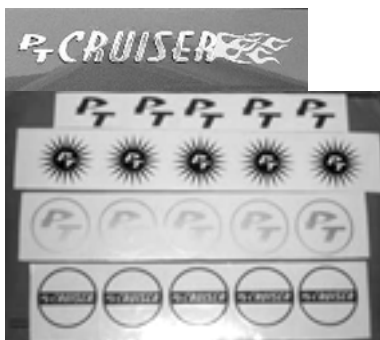
Baseball Caps **£11 inc P&P**
 Black brushed cotton with red or silver logo
Also available in red
PT CRUISER CAPS ALSO AVAILABLE (Black with silver writing)



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

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

CLUB BUSINESS

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.

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.

Needed UK CRUISER Regional Reps

If you have a little time on your hands and would like to be more involved in UK Cruisers, please let us know. We are always on the lookout for regional reps, people who are willing to act as a contact point for local PT owners to be able to get in touch with to see what is going on in their area. A rep would also try and organise meets every

now and again which we can publicise via the newsletter or online.

A club rep normally holds a limited stock of merchandise, plus any club items such as the banner etc. Contact Pat for more details (contact info in the front of newsletter).