

CRUZE NEWS

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STEVE SUPERB'S MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Hi all! We've been a very busy car club since our last newsletter. Do we know how to put on a good car show, or what? The feedback has been Superb! We couldn't have wished for a better day. I must take this opportunity to thank again Keith and Lesley for all their help in helping me organise the show and to you the Renegades for all your help on the day making everything run so smoothly and making everyone feel so welcome. We had a few good write-ups in the local News and the Corvette Club magazine and hopefully in Classic American magazine. We also managed to raise £613.40 for our chosen charity the Portsmouth Heart Support Group.

We attended the Romsey Pageant at Broadlands - a great day and we had a very impressive turnout from the club; likewise at the Can Am show at Ringwood and we managed to win four trophies. Pete won best day van with his black magic Chevy, Alan and Becky won a top ten best American with his Christine Plymouth and Keith and Jane were also awarded a top ten for their Chrysler Crossfire and we, The Renegades, won best club display - Superb! We have become a very popular car club since our show and recent trips to some local shows. Everyone's continued efforts and support means we are seen as a very friendly and fun car club - which is the way it's meant to be keep up the good work. That's all I have this month! Thanks to Lesley for the cake on Sunday - it was superb!

Welcome to the following new members:

Ken and Jane (Chrysler Crossfire) Dave and Lee from Emsworth (Dodge Charger and Dodge Coronet) Peter and Sue Barnes (Ford Econoline day van) Chris and Caroline Wood (Chevy day van) Roy and Deborah Harmer (PT Cruiser) Bob Davies (Dodge Coronet) Steve 32 (Ford 5 Window Coupe) Peter Holden (Chrysler Crossfire) Bob and Chris Kettle (Chrysler Newport) Shaun and Sarah (32 Ford Roadster) Cheryl and Mike (Dodge day van) Sean and Maxine (Dodge ram pickup +Camaro + PT Cruiser) Gavin and Viv (Ford F350 dually Pickup+Camaro) Alan (AMC Rambler convertible) Keith (Custom Mini) Paul Merriot (57 Chevy Belair).

That's all folks! Tally ho! Chocks away!

PROJECTS UPDATE . . .

Roger now has 54 Chevy in primer - looking good - no more progress so far on 29 Model a pickup.
Mick still working on Hillman hot rod - taking shape.
Superb started working on the Cortina again - maybe on road this year?
Dan will be fitting new heads and cam on his Firebird - God help us!
Show update.

Congratulations go to:

- 🚗 **Chris** - 68 Mustang Coupe just back on the road after a respray and engine rebuild.
- 🚗 **Mick** - 69 Mach 1 Mustang on the road after full restoration.
- 🚗 **Alan and Becky** - 58 Plymouth Christine on the road after two year full rebuild.
- 🚗 **Graham & Hev** - Raham Camaro on the road after recent M.O.T.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (See website for further details)

SEPTEMBER 2007 EVENTS

15-16 Sept	Santa Pod – Extreme Bikes
16 Sept	Pompey/Southsea Cruise
22 Sept	Herald Classic Car show at Alton
29-30 Sept	Santa Pod – National Finals

OCTOBER 2007 EVENTS

7 Oct	Goodwood Breakfast Club
7 Oct	Guildford Cruise – meet at 5pm in Burger King car park
7 Oct	Hayling Cruise, Eaststoke – meet about 6.30pm in car park

NOVEMBER 2007 EVENTS

3 Nov	Santa Pod – Flame & Thunder
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Events Arrangements & Social Update - from Superb

16th Sept - Ryde Esplanade I.O.W all day car show. Leave on 8.30am ferry. Cost of crossing £37.50 return payable on the day. **21st 22nd and 23rd Sept** – Roundhill, New Forest – 20 or so pitches available @ £9.70 per night per couple inc tent+pitch for up to 6 people. Dogs £1.00 per night. **NEED TO KNOW A.S.A.P IF INTERESTED PLEASE!**

Sat 20th Oct - Bowling night at Bedhampton Bowl – meet @ 7.30pm for 8pm.

Sat 1st December – Renegades’ Christmas Bash - Waltham Chase village hall – the theme this year is 50’s prom night!

SOUTHSEA (POMPEY) CRUISE

Since mid 2006 the Solent Renegades are the organisers of the Southsea Cruise - also known as the 'Pompey Cruise'.



Every 3rd Sunday of each summer month the cruise congregates in the public car park opposite Clarence Pier (near the hovercraft terminal) from around 6pm onwards. The cruise starts around 7.30pm. There are shed loads of CCTV cameras along the route so please take care and **in the interest of safety - NO BURNOUTS** - too much reckless driving and the event could be stopped.

Ideas for future events?

Halloween party nearer the 31st October - let Superb know if you're interested - venue possibly the Rugby Club.

Goodwood breakfast morning American day - let Superb know if you're interested.

CLUB MEETINGS

Every other Tuesday
@ 7.30pm
Portsmouth Rugby Club
Norway Road Portsmouth
PO3 5EP

MEMBERS' MOTORS

Steve and Jan's 1980 Chevrolet Corvette



This is our 1980 Chevrolet Corvette, 5.7 V8 which we bought from Rugby in November 2001. It was always a dream of ours to own a red corvette and when Jan was diagnosed with cancer, we thought it a good idea to realise our dream while we could still enjoy it together. Thankfully, Jan is still with us - and so is the Corvette!

You may be aware that this car is known as Jessica Vette (Jessica Rabbit) because of her curves.

A few jobs were done almost immediately; a new bottom wishbone, sway bar links, two brake calipers and new tyres. After a couple of months she had a new stainless steel exhaust system, new silencers, new headers, plus chrome bits and pieces were added. A Holly carb was purchased from Dennis, rebuilt and fitted by Paul which made her run a lot better.

We soon established that Jessica had a mind of her own. When we went on cruises she would sound her horn on her own with no help from us - VERY SPOOKY and very embarrassing! Chris H and Martin brought us back a centre horn boss from America which soon put a stop to Jessica's shenanigans.

Recently, she had a complete rub-down and new paint and chrome bonnet and side-vents fitted. The paint job was done by Stones Bodyworks in Totton. Jessica very rarely goes out to play in the rain, much to people's disappointment and disgust, as everyone reckons she's not going to rust!!!!!!

There's still plenty of work to do on her like fit new carpets, shockers and springs but as you are all aware, it takes time and money - but they will get done. She still squeaks, rattles and rolls - but she turns heads and we LOVE her!



SOLENT RENEGADES SUMMER CAR SHOW

Held on Sunday 12th August

Organised by the Solent Renegades, 2007 was the first annual show the Renegades Car Club has organised and was held on the grounds of Portsmouth Rugby Club. Classic, American, Hot-Rods, custom cars turned up.

Superb Turnout

50-60 cars were expected, and around 150 turned up, which was superb. It was good to see so many cars at an event that was only thought about 8 weeks before the show date! Just think how large the event could be if it was advertised for longer.

Renegades Summer Car Show 2008

A possible date for next year is **17th August 2008**. So pencil that in your diaries, and check back here for confirmation nearer the time.

Photos of the event

Over 200 photos were taken so take a look on our website. There were some stunning cars there, including a show room condition 1957 Chevy Bel Air. There were quite a few Ford Mustangs, members of the Corvette Club, Old Skool Ford car club and of course a good turn out of Renegades Club cars.



Money Raised Charity

The event raised a grand total of **£588.40** was raised for the Portsmouth Heart Support Group charity.

Media Attention

Classic American magazine came to the show to take some photos and **The News** came too.

The News, Monday 13th August, as reported by Rob Dabrowski

Yesterday crowds were wowed by 150 American cars and hot-rods. About 700 people turned up to see the display, which was put on to raise money for charity. The Solent Renegades car club was behind the show which took place at Portsmouth Rugby Club, Norway Road, Hilsea.

Chairman of the club Steve Puddick said he was overjoyed with the event. 'We had the show and awards were handed out and it was a great day' he said. 'I was hoping for maybe 60 or 70 cars, so it was great that so many turned out.' The day raised about £500 for the Portsmouth Heart Support Group.

There was a photo of *Peter Toone's 1960 Cadillac* in the newspaper too.

Awards

There were four judges who walked around writing down points for each car. None of the judges are members of the car club. Winners received a trophy (kindly sponsored by Clydesdale Bank) and all entrants received a certificate.

Best Bike

Steve Wood's Hayabusa Drag Bike.



Best Hot Rod

C. Andrews' 23 Fad-T



Best Non American

Andy Steel with his Ford Capri



Best Custom

Ron Haslett's Pro-Street Mk3 Cortina Estate



People's Choice

Bob Kettle's Chrysler New Yorker 1961



Winner of TWO prizes - The Best American and Best in Show

Paul Morelli with his 1957 Chevy Bel Air



THE STREET ROD NATIONALS

Trinity Park, Ipswich

The biggest custom car show in Europe, the Street Rod Nationals at Trinity Park, attracts customised 1950s-style cars, high-tech Street Rods, Hot Rods and high-performance Street Machines. The August Bank Holiday weekend of car displays included live music, children's events, numerous competitions, an art exhibition and a trade arena, providing just about every car part and accessory imaginable.

Mick & Terrie, Steve & Jan, Paul & Nat plus Roger & kids spent four days soaking in the party atmosphere and with over 4,000 cars and 100,000 people on the 25 acre site, you had to cruise round to see everything because it was too vast to walk! The 340 mile round trip was worth it just to see the home-made bars that people set up outside their camper vans and tents!

One of the highlights was the cruise from Trinity Park to Felixstowe – over 600 cars bumper to bumper left a

pretty memorable impression on those lining the route.

Unfortunately, Paul was stopped by police on the way up who gave him three points for a defective tyre and a 'Prohibition 9' because his blower is (allegedly) set too high. That meant Paul could not drive the car. Mick, good mate that he is, drove all the way back to the south coast, swapped his wheels for a trailer and made his way back up to Ipswich to save the day. It was established that Mick's van was too low to tow so



good old Roger came to the rescue and we loaded the Camaro onto the trailer and hooked up to Roger's van. We sandwiched Roger between Nat's Chevy and

Steve's Vette. To add to the adventure Nat had a blowout on the M25 - just another thing to add to the list! The most important thing was that the Camaro got home safely, which it did. On the whole a very good weekend was had by all!!!!

