

The Washington Cruisers Car Club

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Special Edition Annual Club Meeting Newsletter

Welcome to the January 2020 *Special Edition* of the Washington Cruisers Car Club newsletter. This newsletter highlights the agenda of the upcoming January 13, 2020 annual club Membership meeting and all the important items that we will be discussing and voting on during the meeting. This is the one meeting during the year that club members can vote on items on the meeting agenda.

There are several items currently on the agenda that will be discussed. The first one will be the annual treasurer's financial report for the club. This will include the donation amount to Ronald McDonald House Charities that we make every year. This summation gives all members the picture of what it takes to run the club throughout the year.

The next item will be election of board members. We have several board members up for re-election, and at least 1 new board member on the ballot this year. We are currently at eleven (11) board members, with 3 or 4 members either retiring or stepping down from the board. A full board for the club is 12 members – the more board members we have, the less work

it is for each member to do for our events. We have been running with less than a full board for several years now – we would appreciate anyone who would like to be on the board to please volunteer at this meeting for election to the board. Club officers' elections will be held at our February board meeting. The February and all other monthly club board meetings are open to all club members, but only the board members can vote at all other club meetings.

The list of events will be presented with tentative dates next. We will be talking about the special cruises like the Ice Cream Cruise and the Super Cruise, as well as the Saturday night cruise schedule. There will also be a discussion of our invitation only cruises at the various nursing homes to give the club members a better understanding into how these are planned and run for each location.

There will also be a discussion of changing the number of newsletters sent to the club's members throughout the year. It has been discussed at several board meetings that the number of newsletters should be decreased from 6 to 5 or 4 for a 1-year trial. The issue has been that in some newsletters, there is not a lot of new information to send out to the members, and the costs associated with mailing the newsletter keeps increasing. Decreasing the number of newsletters will not decrease the amount of information available to the members, but will make each newsletter have more relevant content, and save the club money and effort creating the newsletters. It was decided at the last board meeting that this was an issue that needs to be presented to the club members for a vote to determine what the members want going forward.

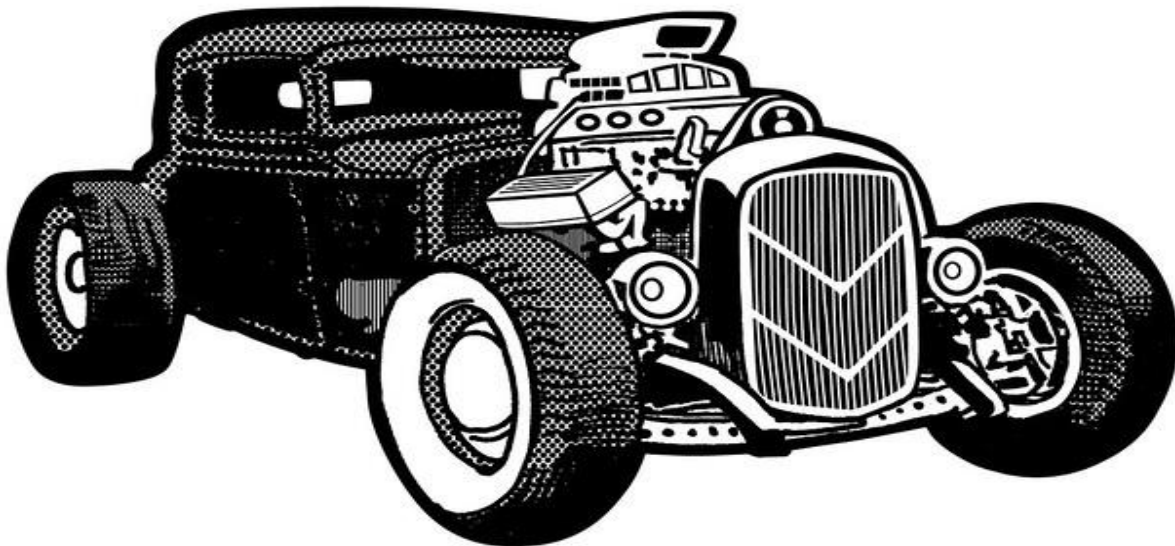
The last part of the meeting, after the voting and announcement of election results, is for club members to bring up topics for discussion about any issue or suggestion they may have. The topics will be discussed, but a final decision will be made by the board at the February board meeting on any issue or suggestion presented at the meeting. Even though we have an active club member meeting only once a year, the board wants to encourage any club member to come to any board meeting to present their items or concerns and to speak for or against those items or for other topics of club business. We want to have an active club with activities and

events the members want. If you have an idea, and are willing to help, we may be able to make it happen.

This meeting is a chance for all club members to be heard and also to be able to participate in the operation of the club. The meeting will be at Panera Bread in Trinity Point Plaza at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Please consider having dinner at Panera's – we get the room free if club members spend \$50.00 or more on items from their menu. The board looks forward to seeing many club members attending this meeting – hope to see you there!

One more reminder...club dues are due by the end of January, 2020.

Happy New Year and a good cruise season for 2020!



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