

Vietnam Veterans of America, Plymouth / Canton Chapter 528

A Successful 2010 for CRUZ'N 528 Car Show Provides Donations for Veteran's and Veteran's Organizations

It's hard to believe that the time from May to September has passed us by and the CRUZ'N season for 2010 is history. Vacations are over, the Gratiot, Michigan and Woodard cruises are just a memory, the kids are back in school, days are getting shorter and we'll be putting our rides away until next summer. The 7th season for *CRUZ'N 528 Wednesday Night Car Shows* was a huge success in 2010, along with some great looking cars in attendance. Our biggest night saw 140 rides, with an average of 85 cruisers each Wednesday. The cruisers enjoyed the camaraderie, bench racing, tall tales and the participation plaque that was awarded to one cruiser each Wednesday from all the registered cars; there were fabulous door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, along with several extra prizes given away each week, which were supplied by our sponsors, like T-shirts, Hats & goodie bags. New this year was the playing of our National Anthem at 6 pm exactly. It was especially gratifying to see that everyone stopped what they were doing and faced the flag. All current and former military personnel gave a hand salute.

To all of our sponsors who supported us with some great products: Bell Tire, Meguiar's Car Care Products, Summit Racing Equipment, Quick Lane Car Care Centers, Hagerty Car Insurance, Stoner Car Care Products, Mother's, Eastern Market of Canton, Cruisnews; Hosted by the Mayflower / Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth / Canton Chapter 528.

A job well done to all the VVA & VFW Volunteers who helped with: Show Setup, Registration, Cooking, Cashier, 50/50 – Raffle and Door Prizes, Show Photos, the Radio Coverage from WPON 1460 AM and many other jobs:

Darrell, Sandy & Erica Bazman, R. "Dr. Bob" Paul, Robert "50/50" Cable, Joe Aguis, Chuck "Corncob" Kettenbeil, Gary "Bear" Kubik, Frank Gilbo, Norma "AVVA" Demerly, Don "Crabby Patty" Shannon, Forest "Iron Chef" Manley, Don & Nancy Dignan, Ben Tallman, Steve Retherford, Mike Steffes, Norma Demerly, Susie Wagner, Our DJ "Koz" – Who came in from Milan each week to spin the oldies, Al Kerbyson, Vaughn Hull, Jay & Kris Roberts, Bill "Sleeveless" Browning, John Iaquina, Rich "Heavenly Hotdog" Mazurkiewicz, Jim Kimball, Ron "Burned the Buns" King, Bill Gravett, Jim Austin, Dennis & Patty Bielskis, The Desert Ladies from our own AVVA, Dave Reeves, Don & Sue Willum, Jimmie James and Gary & Kathy Luyben from WPON 1460 AM, America's Most Wanted and Trailer Trash Car Clubs and especially VFW Post 6695 – for use of the parking lot and buildings.

Lynn Dery collects "Cell Phones for the Troops". Each used cell phone that is recycled is worth 60 minutes of talk time for a service member in Iraq or Afghanistan to call home. Lynn has collected 926 cell phones to date. That's 42,000 minutes of talk time. "Plymouth / Canton Chapter 528 is an amazing group of veterans", says Lynn.

Since 2004, CRUZ'N 528 has distributed over \$18,500 to needy Veteran's and Veteran's Organizations such as VA Hospital Ann Arbor, the Ambulatory & Burn Center for the Intrepid, San Antonio, TX, Purchased tickets for WWII veterans to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington and in 2008 Purchased / Packed and Mailed 92 packages with special need items to the troops in Iraq. The CRUZ'N 528 profits from 2010 which was \$4,655.00 will be used to support local veterans, who need help to pay bills, provide house maintenance (inside or outside), prescriptions, transportation needs and other items.

Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528, Vietnam Veterans of America and CRUZ'N 528 would like to thank all those who participated, sponsored, helped or just perused the show, and the cruisers who supported us through the rain, heat and cool weather for without you guys & gals CRUZ'N 528 Car Show wouldn't be here. The greatest bunch of people you ever want to meet, who are certifiably car crazy. The committee members for CRUZ'N 528 Car Show have started planning for the summer of 2011. WE'LL BE BACK. You can bet your GTO, STANG, or DUSTER on that or maybe the wife and kids if you're having a bad day.

**FAMILY, KIDS, GREAT WORKERS, GOOD FOOD,
FABULOUS CARS, & FUN TIMES;**

**FROM ALL OF US AT CRUZ'N 528 CAR SHOW
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Great Looking Rides



Lee Alan from WXYZ 1270 AM & CKLW 800 AM, "Back in the 60's Again" W/ Dr. Bob



Jimmy James & Gary Luyben from WPON 1460 AM. Looking on are Bob Paul & Robert Cable.



Don "Iron Chef" Shannon gets ready to cook up some burgers while a long line of hungry customers look on.

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