

More cruise nights are planned this summer

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The Rockwood Miller

George Prodanov is attempting to double the fun with Cruise Nights in Rockwood this summer.

The co-owner of the Rockwood Village Store and Gas Bar, along with his wife Brenda, have increased the number of Cruise Nights this summer.

"We're going to run them every fourth Saturday this year," George says. "Whatever day it falls on we're going to go with it. Keeping up with everybody's schedule is next to impossible."

George, who has always had a certain love for '69 Camaros, but admits to "not having any toys now," says the idea to bring Cruise Nights to Rockwood was a spur-of-the-moment decision with friends Bruce Williamson and Lee Vickery.

"There aren't a lot of events in Rockwood, so we agreed we had to livin' it up somehow. We put the work out and cars came from everywhere the first year. It's an event now," says the former Burlington resident.

"We want to draw more interest to the town," Brenda adds. "We want people to walk down the street and see what the other businesses in town have to offer."

The Second Rockwood Boy Scouts, who raised \$100 in popcorn sales and a raffle at one Cruise Night last year, will volunteer their services again this year by parking cars and cleaning the parking lot that stretches from the gas bar to the hardware store.

George says the Cruise Nights are a great way to talk to people about their "toys" and just bring the family out.

The sounds of popular '50s and '60s music in the background doesn't discourage many, either.

"It's a great pastime. It's a family night out for a lot of people. Some will go from here to Bel-fountain, have an ice cream and go somewhere else," George adds.

New this year is a People's Choice trophy that will have someone's name inscribed on it each Cruise date.

Another attraction may be the return of three cars that blow out flames from their exhaust.

George says the value of antique cars is now stable after soaring to a high rate when the economy was booming.

"People used to invest in everything—cars, real estate—and the old car market sky-rocketed," he remembers. "But when the economy started to suffer, people were selling off their toys and fetching ridiculous prices."

The first Cruise Night is set for this Saturday at 7 pm.

New tennis clubhouse for Rockmosa

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
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The Rockmosa Tennis Club may have a new club house this summer.

Club members and Eramosa Township Councilors are working on final details for the building, to be located beside the existing three courts at the Rockmosa Community Centre.

Member Alex Skelton said in an interview Thursday that there are still some major decisions to be made, but the plans are moving ahead.

"There's some talk of a pre-fabricated building, but the loss, the size and the scope of the

building have not been finalized," Skelton said.

Skelton said the building will allow the club to stage more tournaments and store its equipment.

"We will also have washrooms built so our members won't have to race home if the community centre doors are locked and we can't use the facilities there."

Township Council has allocated \$10,000 for the building and the Tennis Club has raised a matching amount.

The Municipality will own the building but the Tennis Club will maintain the building like they now do the courts.

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