**23** RD  Annual **Cruisin’  For A Cure**

***The car show that could save your life!***

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***Cruisin’ For A Cure is the largest single-day charity car show in the country. The annual show is held at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa, California.***

*The event is held every year in September, “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. The primary mission of this event is to fund prostate cancer research and provide free prostate cancer screenings.*

*In addition to the primary significance of providing free testing for prostate cancer, the event is an absolute blast.*

*This year’s Grand Marshal was automotive personality, Chris Jacobs. Chris was present for all the fun and signed autographs for his fans.*

*Drive! was fortunate to get an exclusive interview with Chris. There were plenty of copies on hand at the show. If you wanted to read the interview and we learn more about the guy we all thought we knew, check out the October Drive! issue at driveonline.com.*

*Of course, the primary mission of this event is to fund prostate cancer research and provide free prostate cancer screenings. Car owners that display and cruise the show allow the public and participants to enjoy a day of fun and the opportunity to receive a free and potentially lifesaving prostate exam (DRE) and PSA blood test.*

*Since its inception, Cruisin’ For A Cure has provided free prostate cancer screenings. This year, KSK Cancer Center of Irvine, performed over 600 PSAs. Of those, 149 PSAs were elevated at over 2.5 ng/ml which is 24% of those who were tested. Those 24% were directed to see their urologist as soon as possible.*

*With the help of sponsors and participants, Cruisin’ For A Cure continues to spread the word on how important prostate cancer screening is by providing vital information on how it can be treated, and how easy it is to save you and the men in your life.*

***Featured:***

***Women ‘n Wheels***

*On site this year was a special car show within a car show - The Women ‘n Wheels Expo  - an all-girl run event featuring local car gals.*

*They participated by laying out the parking spaces and parking all the cars. In 2019 we had 35 gals participate . This year it was increased to 60 parking spaces in the building. All parking spots were filled!*

*The organization also had their own Women ‘n Wheels awards that included 5 VIP women judges.*

***CFAC valued sponsors:***

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*Next year, testing will begin at 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.  By testing earlier Debbie says they can screen more men. And remember, it only takes 10 minutes.  Early detection saves lives and we want to save your life and your loved ones life with our free prostate screening!  Consider doing both the DRE & PSA blood test next year, this can help save your life.*

*Make your plan to attend on September 9th next year.*

 *Check out the website for info:****cruisinforacure.com***

Group photo with survivors and the CFAC organizer and lead-champion, Debbie Baker. Debbie and her dedicated team work tirelessly to save lives with early prostate cancer awareness.

Organizer, Debbie Baker (R)and her famous festooned golf cart travel throughout the event making sure the men in attendance sign up for the free screening.

CFAC show cars travel thoughout the cruise route and are also on static display.

Cars, trucks, vans, classics and hot rods cover every inch of the OC Event Center inside and out.

The five female judges included Karen Meguiar.

Ant Anstead even stopped by

to see all the gals.

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