



# Cruisin' News

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## *The Officers Like Their Jobs*

President's Message  
By Clay Seachris

This month's message is composed of information to pass along, but initially I would like to share a chuckle and smile I still have when thinking of some members' costumes from our Halloween gathering. We have some artistic talent out there that goes beyond hot rod building. One of our male members made a very convincing blonde bombshell. I think he got some propositions, for what I can't be sure, since it was a little scary, but propositions non-the-less. Thank you to all the costumed participants.

The Siouxland Car Council has revised management practices and now all who wish to share their ideas, input and volunteer time have voting privileges at the council meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month. All members of clubs represented by the Siouxland Car Council have an equal, vested interest and the Council officers look forward to your participation. Your input, ideas and votes are necessary to make our summer activities together a success. Planning is beginning for the '08 cruise season, and the more ideas and solutions you all can bring produces a more organized, fun season with a higher participation of cars and people.

December 1st (the morning of our Christmas Party) all members and friends of the Great Plains Street Rodders are welcome to be part of the annual charitable giving celebration through the Siouxland Car Council. The newsletter will have the details for a fun day on December 1st.

The current officers for the Great Plains Street Rodders are reaching the ends of their first term. Our bylaws limit an officer to serving a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms. I am proud to be your president and look forward to representing, managing and serving the club a second year. The officers are all wonderful people to work with and our term limits generate fresh ideas. One of our strengths is that we have many members as past officers with club management experience.

Creating a separation of duties between the secretary and treasurer has also strengthened the club and diversified duties. LeAnn, our treasurer, has enjoyed the first year of her term and has agreed to serve another year. Helen is also finishing her first year as secretary and has done a masterful job, even expanding the communication role of the position. She would also enjoy continuing her officer term as secretary.

Kevin, our vice-president, has been a club officer in different roles for a number of years. His duties as president of the Siouxland Car Council continue to be time consuming and very demanding. He has decided to open his position as Great Plains Street Rodders' vice-president to someone new. The Great Plains Street Rodders are very proud to have a member of our club as president of the Siouxland Car Council.

Referring to our bylaws, nominations for club officers will be made from the floor during the second meeting in December (Cracker Barrel, December 12th). Although we have most officers seeking second terms, all officers are subject to nomination and re-election annually and the office of vice-president is open to nominations for someone with fresh ideas and vision for future club fun and stability.

Following nominations, the second meeting in December, the bylaws also state election of officers will be the first meeting in January (Valentinos, January 2nd). All voting will be by secret ballot or by the discretion of the president.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Great Plains Street Rodders Annual Christmas Party. The party is always such a good time. We are planning another great social and there's always good food. The gift exchange is a blast. I hope you've all had fun trying to find that special gift item.



*Buck Schrader is dressed-up in this Halloween photo. Fortunately, since it's Halloween, he's looking for treats and not tricks, right?*

## *Preserving One Of America's Early Economy Cars*

Glenn and Cathy Walker have a few old cars in their collection, but their favorite is their 1964 Rambler American.

"It's just a cute little car," Glenn said.

They purchased it about three years ago at the Spencer, Iowa, Swap Meet. They weren't really looking for a Rambler, but when they saw it, they felt they had to have it.

Since then, they have treated it to fresh paint very close to the original factory color and new fabric for the upholstery.

The 196 c.i. straight-six motor has proven very reliable and a good runner for them. It gets about 30 MPG on the highway, Glenn estimated. That's an important benefit in this hobby as the price of gas continues to rise.

"It's a fun car to drive, goes down the road good," Glenn said.

Being built as an economy car, it does not have much in the way of special features, which provides a uniqueness of its own. It has no power



accessories, not even power steering, and the sound system is an AM radio. Glenn and Cathy like keeping the car this way, to show how an "economy car" appeared in 1964. People don't see many old cars like this, Glenn noted.

"They say you don't see one of them every day," he said.

While Ramblers were first made in the early 1900s, Nash reintroduced it as their compact model in 1950. It became a separate automobile make in 1955, the year after the Nash-Hudson merger produced American Motors Corporation. The Rambler American hit the streets in 1958 as Rambler's compact model and continued for over 10 years. The last year for Rambler was 1969, and the American name was also shelved as AMC presented its own models in 1970.

Glenn and Cathy's American is a good representation of a time when people who didn't know the AMC

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name were very familiar with Ramblers, and saw the Rambler as a good brand to go to for an economy car. Unfortunately for Rambler, during the 1960s people began looking less at economy cars and more for bigger and fancier cars. OPEC would put a stop to that in the following decade, but after the Rambler name had been retired.

### *Christmas Party is Dec. 1*

Don't miss the Great Plains Streetrodders Christmas Party December 1 at the American Legion in Renner, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

There will be good eatins, and it's no secret that's what our club likes. It will be a potluck dinner with tasty dishes from those who like to eat. Please bring a dish to pass. The club will provide refreshments, plates and utensils, plus soda pop, water and coffee.

The club will also be providing a DVD slideshow projection of summer cruising photos, and all members are asked to bring their photo albums to share.

We will also be doing the gift exchange. Each lady should bring a \$10 gift for a lady and each man should bring a \$10 gift for a man.

*One trick-or-treater found Halloween is more hazardous when the hotrodders are out.*



As in previous years, members have again requested the Christmas Party be a non-smoking/smoke-free event.

### *Club Shirts On The Works*

This phrase has been referred to: "Visibly United." And Great Plains Streetrodders can be "visibly united" by wearing shirts with the club's name on them.

Nancy Snyder is coordinating with Brad Goebel on a group purchase for club shirts. Polling with club members determined the favored color is gold-mustard with black logo on the front chest and lettering on the back. The layout will match the existing gray club shirts. Currently we are looking at the style choices of long-sleeve Henley, short-sleeve T-shirt, ladies short sleeve and a sweatshirt.

This will be a group purchase, so the club will have a similar appearance at shows and gatherings. Cost will be minimal, and further information on details will be provided later.

### *It's Another Grandson*

Kevin and Cheri became grandparents again on October 31st. Their daughter, Laurie, and her husband, Mike, adopted another baby boy - Bryce Micheal. Congratulations to Kevin and Cheri on the new grandson!

### *Classified ads*

FOR SALE – 1959 Chevy promo model, 1/25 scale, black and white two-tone, plastic, chassis and roof are slightly warped. \$10 or best offer. Call Brian Lee at 498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

FOR SALE – 1984 454 c.i. engine with 400 transmission, engine rebuilt 2,000 miles ago. Can hear it run. \$2,500. Call Red Duerksen at 772-4850.

FOR SALE – '85 Fiero GT - 2M6, 2.8L V-6, 4spd., A/C, Cruise, Sun Roof, PW, PM, PL, CD, Tilt. Everything works! Excellent Condition. \$3,500.00 -- call Howard Greer - 605-334-5491

FOR SALE – 1967 GMC pickup truck, 34,000 miles, good shape. \$5,000.00. Call Allen Alby at 605-334-3472.

FOR SALE – Two new Coker white-wall tires P235/75R15 for \$300. Call Allen Alby at 605-334-3472.

FOR SALE – 1952 Packard parts, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571.

WANTED – Classified ads for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter. If you are a member of the club, it'll cost you nothing. But it can help you sell something, or find something. The very first time that classified ads were included in the newsletter, they worked. Brian Lee sold a Johnny Lightening diecast car. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Cruises & Events

- Nov. 21 -- Champs
- Nov. 28 -- Larchwood Main Street Cafe
- Dec. 1 – Christmas party – American Legion, Renner, SD
- Dec. 5 -- China Star
- Dec. 12 -- Cracker Barrel
- Dec. 19 -- Ming Wahs

## Do You Know Our Bylaws?

Elections are coming up soon, so it is a good time for members of the Sioux Falls Streetrodders to review their club's bylaws. They were last revised in January of this year.

Here they are:

1. All members must have or be building a car that is his/her dream car or one that is very dear to his/her heart. Plus he/she can have multiple cars to show.
2. All members shall be of good standing and interested in street-rod activities to be eligible for membership, upon approval by the club membership.
3. All members who attend club meetings and gatherings must pay dues in fairness to all other people who are paid members.
4. A membership will be the paying members and their children under the age of 18.
5. The current fee for membership application is \$10 per person, and is valid for one year. Each paying member has one vote.
6. Dues for the active members of the club are payable to the club treasurer at the first meeting following the annual election of officers.

Annual membership amount is to be reviewed and set annually by the club membership.

7. Nominations for club officers will be made from the floor during the second meeting in December.
8. Election of officers will be the first meeting in January. All voting will be by secret ballot or by the discretion of the president.
9. Officers are limited to serving two consecutive one-year terms.
10. Flowers or a memorial will be given (\$50 maximum) for funerals of club members, their children and/or their parents only. Cards will be sent for all other caring and support reasons.
11. Bylaws can only be changed when 30 percent of the current Great Plains Streetrodders membership is in attendance.

## November Birthdays

Deanna Ludwig	1
Susan Seachris	1
Clay Seachris	2
Diego Yorsky	7
Dean Gough	11
Rich Burns	15
Doug VanNoort	22
Dwight Johnson	28
Rosemary Eliason	29
Jane Sletten	29

## November Anniversaries

Rich & Glenna Burns	4
Doug & Norma Krouse	14
Denny & Nancy Heidebrink	16
Sam & Bonnie Britt	16
Gerry & LeAnn Phillips	30

## December Birthdays

Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Gary Ebright	11
Cathy Walker	13

Leonard Rhoades	15
Kristie Hoyme	16
Barb Schriever	17
Julie Hansen	20
LeAnn Phillips	20
Helen Jensen	21
Roger Corkill	24
Chris Johnson	31
Lola Little	31

## December Anniversaries

Glenn & Cathy Walker	19
Eric & Patt Anderson	20
Bill & Lana Kullander	20
Gary & Judy Ebright	31
Fred & Nancy Snyder	31



Virgene and her new friend.

## Submissions For The Newsletter

If you have anything to submit for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter, the deadline is the second Wednesday of each month. Anything will be considered for addition to the newsletter.

To submit something, contact Brian Lee at 605-498-0178, email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com) or look for him around his 1961 Ford Thunderbird or 1951 Chevy sedan delivery.



## *Blonde and An Iron*

A blonde with two red ears went to her doctor. The doctor asked her "what happened"?

She answered, "I was ironing a shirt and the phone rang, but instead of picking up the phone I accidentally picked up the iron and stuck it to my ear."

"Oh dear," the doctor exclaimed in disbelief, "but what happened to your other ear?"

"The SOB called back."

## *Car Council to Disperse Funds*

The Siouxland Car Council's annual charity giving will be the morning of December 1. Members of the Great Plains Streetrodders, who play an important role in raising those funds, are invited to participate.

There will be a social gathering at Driveline Service, Western Ave & Burnside St, at 9:30 a.m. Mike and Lori will be serving rolls and coffee.

Formal presentations will be made to a number of local childrens' charities at the Sioux Empire Mall, Angel Tree area, at 11:30 a.m. The Empire Mall has sent out a press release on the Siouxland Car Council event.

With the help of all the participating Car Council car clubs, here are some of the local children's charities supported this year: The Angel Tree; El Riad Shrine Transportation Fund; The Banquet Project "S.O.S.", Supplying our students with the school supplies they need to pursue their educations; The South Dakota Parent Connection; The Special Olympics; New Directions, Regional Down Syndrome Support Group; and the Un-Run Program, sending children with

cancer to Camp Lakodia near Madison.

The Great Plains Street Rodders are glad to be part of the council and proud to have volunteer members contribute to such a successful fundraising year.

## *Sympathy Goes Out*

The Great Plains Street Rodders would like to express sincere sympathy to LaNette Gregersen and Rick Munce. LaNette's father passed away on Monday, Oct. 22, 2007.

We would also like to express sympathy to Junie Herschberger, as her brother, Glenn Robb, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, in Sioux Falls.

## *Rain Didn't Keep Rodders Away*

Several couples from the Great Plains Street Rodders ventured to Lake Preston last month for their grill out (it was held in the school gym because of the rainy, cool weather).

There was a band and even Elvis made an appearance. Our very own Kevin Kappenman did an extremely fine job of grilling all the hamburgers for this fundraiser. Following lunch, Alden Oldsen invited us to his shop in town and to their home for a tour of his shops that included at least 20 of his cars and trucks, gas pumps, signs, etc. and the "Hooter's Girl." Thanks Alden and Diane! If you were unable to attend, you missed a great afternoon!

