



Cruisin' News

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Communication Keeps Us Together

By Clay Seachris

President's message

The club, events and happenings we enjoy continue to grow. Veteran members know to email me, or simply reply to any of my emails, with any updates, questions, ideas or relevant information so we all can be included. Sorry, no jokes to the president email please, as our community presence has grown, so has my inbox. Our diverse knowledge and ability to communicate as a group continues to be one of our greatest assets. At events, I have so many conversations regarding cruise events, dates, times and club management that I may forget things. Your handwritten notes are great, but emails are so much easier for me to manage. Your communication is appreciated – I want to keep us all informed and together.

Doug Walker mentioned to me that the popular Saturday night Burger King is now the one in front of Best Buy on 41st Street. Wendy's on Minnesota Avenue wants us too, but it's pretty hard to beat the inexpensive BK salads and ice cream. Hardee's on Minnesota Avenue still dominates the Saturday Night Cruise scene, but it's nice to have options.

We host a couple nights coming up. I'll be hitting the toy section to purchase about 80 *HotWheels* cars for the children at Children's Home Society. To alleviate any content exposure worries, we're no longer bringing magazines for the children. Thanks to your club dues, we're able to provide free root beer floats and toys for the children.

Our annual Poker Run is coming up. Veteran volunteers will be enjoying the run this year so there are stops in need of volunteers. Managing a stop is a great way to expand friendships. I'm hoping Terry and Nancy Jellis set up a spot again as their cool games are always a blast. The dartboard stop may need a manager and we have other fun games available or you can think up your own. Visit me or a veteran member with questions about this fun evening. If you want to manage a stop, let me know. Also, we're done early enough for you to enjoy Hot Summer Nights downtown.

For a color copy of the newsletter or to see additional photos, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



We enjoyed a nice evening grill-out at Terry Koch's race shop.

Stepping Into Uncertainty

By Bob Schmeichel

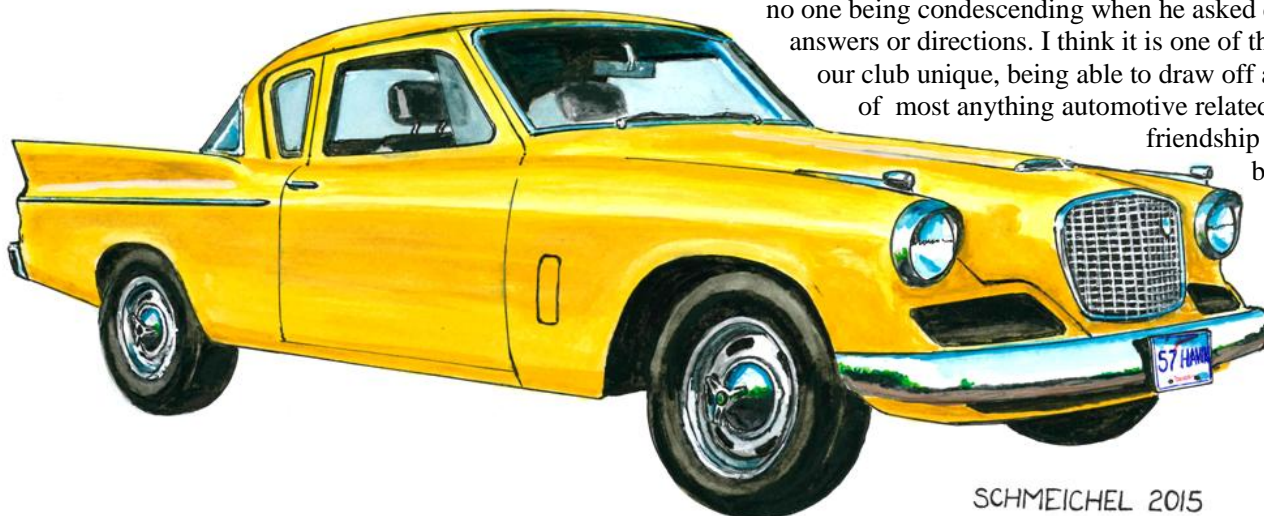
Bruce Aldrich expressed that he has never had what might be considered a fun car all his life, but always admired what others drove when he was out and about. Then there came a time, in the not too distant past, and I guess later is better than never, that he and his wife, Suzie, decided it was time to try something that was a little bit different for both of them. Most of their adult lives had been filled with the usual routine for so many years with raising four kids. As you know, kids can take you in many directions at the same time with priorities for them on a daily basis. With the kids out of the house now, the idea of having an old car and cruising around with it was exciting and growing on them rather quickly.

Their story began in September of 2013, driven by their old car idea that Bruce started looking online at carsforsale.com. He told me they were really looking more specifically for an older Corvette that would fit into their agreed upon budget, when he came across a '57 Studebaker for sale here in Sioux Falls. Both he and Suzie liked the different lines and style of car that they saw with the advertised pictures and thought it was priced fairly for what it was. After a couple days of thought, Bruce decided to call the owner to see if they could come look at the car. The owner said with a heavy sigh that he was sorry, but the car was already sold and going to South Bend, Indiana, the next day. Because Bruce had missed seeing the car in person, kicking himself for not acting quicker, he decided to watch other Studebakers online for sale ads to see if he could find another one similar to the one he missed. He watched quite a few different websites daily for over most the next year, and then in September of 2014, the exact same car he missed that went to Indiana was now for sale there. Not wanting to miss out on another chance, Bruce called the now owner that same evening. After a little discussion, the owner admitted he had blown the engine up in his hot rod pickup and had to sell the Studebaker to fund building a new engine for the pickup. The owner told Bruce about some of the updates he had done to the Studebaker and that the price was a little more than the first time he saw it online. More talk on the phone led to an agreed upon selling price with Bruce and Suzie moving forward on totally blind faith as they still had not seen the car in person yet. Eager to get the car home, Suzie called around and found a local car transport carrier to bring the car back to South Dakota. Two weeks later it arrived back in Sioux Falls on the transport carrier with them being surprised to see that the car still had South Dakota plates on it. Apparently the owner had not taken the time to transfer the title yet in Indiana. As they looked at the car on the transport trailer before it was unloaded, both Bruce and Suzie saw that it was pretty much as the owner had explained it was over the phone at least outwardly. I think that this moment in time had to be a little bit apprehensive and scary for Bruce as he openly admitted to me that he has no real mechanical ability or automotive knowledge of any sorts, but at the same time he wanted this unique-looking car they both committed themselves to anyway.

Driving their new-old car seemed to have all the fun experiences they expected for the first few months, but after a period of time Bruce noticed that the engine was using more oil than it should. After looking for advice and visiting with other car club members about the oil usage issue, Bruce opted to invest in a new Chevy 350 crate engine to replace the old 350 Chevy engine the car came with. Today when it comes to a stock Chevy engine in some cases, buying a new crate engine is more economical than rebuilding the old engine. Ken Buchanan did the engine swap along with installing a newer Ford Ranger rear end that had the same width and bolt pattern as the original Studebaker rear end. With the S-10 5-speed manual trans, it is a fun car for both Suzie and Bruce to drive, and now with the new engine, who knows where they will take it. Future plans for the car include installing a new headliner, hooking up the air conditioning lines and getting the car repainted someday. Bruce also mentioned that his overall feeling with the Studebaker, and not knowing too much mechanical, has truly been a fun learning experience with

no one being condescending when he asked questions to find out answers or directions. I think it is one of the things that makes our club unique, being able to draw off a vast knowledge of most anything automotive related. The other is the friendship that turns into one

big family of fun, which reminds me of Paul, an old buddy of mine who always used to say, "Keep smiling and keep the shiny side up!"



SCHMEICHEL 2015



Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

“Off we go into the wild blue yonder” – familiar lyrics to retired Air Force pilot, Gary Jorgenson. After graduating as a 2nd Lt. in the ROTC program at SDSU, Gary began training in Del Rio, Texas. As distinguished graduate, Gary was asked to become a flying instructor at Williams AFB in Arizona. “In the military, I flew several different planes, among them a T37, T38, T41, T-29, KC-135 and a few others.”

Gary received his master’s degree from the University of Northern Colorado, and also was a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. Gary was a distinguished graduate in all of his academic and flying training courses and advanced degrees. He flew the KC-135 most of the time and was able to travel throughout the world doing air refueling. “Wherever Air Force aircraft were operating, tankers were needed to provide air refueling. I was selected to fly several unique missions, some of which are still classified. During air refueling, the receiver would close to 25-30 feet behind the tanker. It becomes a little tense when over the ocean, at night or in a thunderstorm and the receiver needs fuel to stay airborne. We flew frequently over the ocean, before the days of GPS, and used a sextant and map plotting (the same thing Columbus used) to find the receiver aircraft and destination. Fortunately, we were always successful.”

One of the highlights of Gary’s career was his year in South Korea. “I worked for the Secretary of Defense and helped oversee the air defense of South Korea.” Though much of his time was spent in the air, Gary also served as a full professor at UCLA, teaching military law and history, and commanding the AF ROTC unit. Of the 26 years that Gary served in the Air Force, he is proudest of the rank he achieved upon retirement. “Only a few officers become a Full Colonel. It is very difficult.” After retiring from the military, Gary taught Business Law at Nettleton until it closed and then worked as a manager for a trucking company for 11 years.

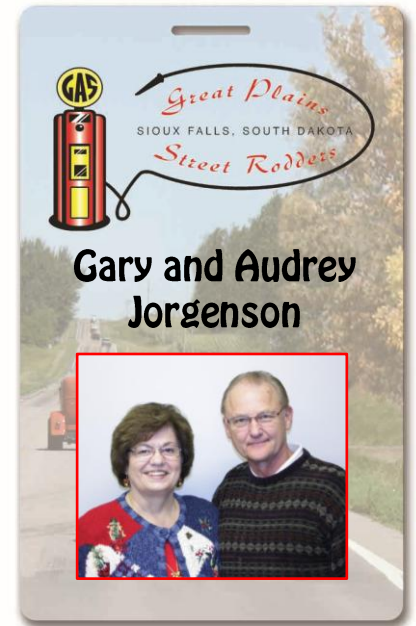
Gary readily attributes much of the success of his military career to his faithful and very capable wife, Audrey. She remembers, “Probably the hardest part was moving so much. We lived in over a dozen different locations. It was hard always having to make new friends, but I learned that having a positive attitude was really important.” Gary adds, “She was pretty much a single mom for about 10 years that I was gone from home, but she did a really good job with the two boys.” Mike, their oldest son, lives in Dallas with his family, and Bryan and family live in Omaha. They have four grandchildren and a step-grandson.

Though Gary and Audrey met in high school, Gary actually grew up in the Los Angeles area. “We lived near Disneyland and saw it being built in 1955. My dad had a chicken ranch but moved to Minnesota in my junior year of high school. Audrey continues, “I grew up on a farm in the Jeffers-Sanborn area of Minnesota. In the summer, we walked the bean fields and picked up stones. We started dating in high school. I graduated, turned 18 and got married within two weeks. Gary was already attending SDSU and I got a job as a secretary in the agronomy department where they did lab testing.” During most of their years in the military, it was advantageous for Audrey to be a stay-at-home for her boys. “After the boys were older, I worked in a Christian book store in Omaha. After Gary retired and we moved to Sioux Falls, I became an office manager for AAA and retired after 11 years.”

Though officially retired, this couple has remained active with many different pursuits. “We belong to several social organizations in our church. I’m on the property board and in charge of lawn care. Audrey has always had a heart for others and does a lot of volunteer work, as well. We also belong to a country and western dancing group.” “I like to read and make jewelry, mostly in the winter months,” Audrey adds. In June of 2016, the Jorgenson’s will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Originally a Ford man, Gary admits to having four at one time in high school: a ‘29 Model A, a ‘30 Model A, a ‘53 Hardtop and a ‘54 Sedan. Gary bought the ‘57 Chevy back in 1990 in California. It had never been out of the state and was completely rust-free.

For their “bucket list,” Gary’s wish is simple – “I’d like to fly an ultra-lite.” Audrey would like to visit Germany. “I would go with my daughter-in-law who is from Germany and has family over there.” Wherever they go in the future, we are glad that these “snowbirds” are like the swallows that come back to Capistrano, always lighting back in Sioux Falls when spring is just around the corner.



Papik Motors Thanks

Thanks to all who attended our Spring Rally Car Show.

Luckily, we had a pretty nice day. We had a great turnout with over 100 registered vehicles, our most ever! Thanks again to those who were able to attend and we hope to see you at our 2016 show. Heidi Sehr, Papik Motors Inc.



A Perfect Picnic

The recent Sherman Park Potluck Picnic was attended by many and the hotrods that filled the parking lot varied widely. The whole evening was a "Perfect Picnic." Thank you to all who attended and made the evening possible. A special thank you to Kevin Kappenman for bringing the plates, plasticware and drinks.



Fundraiser Invitation

Memorial Lutheran Church is having a show 'n shine fundraiser June 27, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. All the funds raised at this event will help to provide tuition assistance for students at Sioux Falls Lutheran High School.

Thanks for Hosting

Thank you Terry Koch for opening your private Pressure Kocher Race Shop for a picnic, again. Even with about 90 hotrods, there was plenty of room for more. Thank you to the grill guys and all those that served burgers, brats and all the fixins. These events cannot happen without such awesome volunteers. A special thank you to Kevin Kappenman, who gathered all the supplies and pulled the grill to and from the event. As we left, Terry was looking forward to next year.



Celebrate Fathers Invite

You're invited. We are excited to have the Great Plain Street Rodders at our Celebrate Fathers Event at Sunnycrest Village on June 27. At 3:30 p.m. we'll bring out the free snacks. Clay told us, "You cruise for ice cream," and that's not a problem, we love it, too. There is also a craft fair and entertainment at 4:15 p.m. You get special parking for your cars. Our residents are excited and looking forward to seeing you and your beautiful cars. Thank you, Jean Anderson, Sunnycrest Village, 3900 S. Terry Avenue, Sioux Falls.

Our Annual Poker Run

Our Annual Poker Run is Wednesday, July 15, please pass the word and invite your friends. Volunteers are needed. Let Clay Seachris know if you would like to help. Thanks.

June Birthdays

(2nd half)

Larry Golden	19
Mike Paulson	20
Dawn Johnston	20
Mary Ramstad	21
Denny Heidebrink	22
Dick Anderson	23

July Birthdays

(1st half)

Susan Jump	1
Karen Roe	3
Dianne Boatright	4
Dave Nordland	4
Larry Snuttjer	5
Eric Anderson	8
Jan Malcomb	10
Jim Hauge	11
John Moore	11
Larry Olson	12
Karen Walker	12
Nancy Snyder	15

June Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Melvin and Dorothy Holmbeck	18
Larry and Dawn Johnston	19
John and Vickie Hauge	21
Bruce and Suzie Aldrich	23
Ron and Cindy Friedbauer	24
Mike and Deb DeBoer	25
Fred and Sara Vegge	27
Gale and Judy Horan	28

July Anniversaries

(1st half)

Butch and Debbie Yesda	1
Duane and Jackie Olson	2
Reed and Carol Peterson	6
Terry and Nancy Jellis	10
Roger and Dianne Corkill	11

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

The two-month birthday and anniversary schedule is listed from the 15th to the 15th of each month.

Dow Rummel Invite

You're invited to the 7th Annual Dow Rummel Car Show June 30 at 5:30 p.m. Drivers are granted a FREE \$5 meal ticket.

Summer Sun, Something's Begun

But oh, oh those summer nights...



Jay and Linda Petersen cruising 41st Street in their '32 Ford



Mike and Deb DeBoer's '53 Chevy at an evening at Hardee's



Ron and Cindy Friedbauer's '61 Biscayne at Papik's Spring Fling



Dick and Marilyn's 'Stang and Jayne's T-bird at Terry's Picnic



Bill and Wanda Osman's Ford GT750 Custom Truck



Dan and Kim Brady's '67 Camaro at Hardee's



Virgene Schrader cruising in her '46 Ford at Harrisburgers



Ivan Buskol enjoying his and Kathy's C5 Vette at Harrisburg



Photographs and Memories by Tom Olsen

I'm a car guy and veteran Great Plains Street Rodder from Sioux Falls who developed an interest in cars in the early 1960s, and that passion has been with me all these years. Each month I'll share a picture or two in the newsletter and will offer a short narrative on each for your enjoyment. While I'm primarily a Chevy guy, I'll do my best to mix things up a bit so everyone sees something they might enjoy.

The Hemi Hunter

This is a Ford Fairlane Super Stock drag car that I photographed at Englishtown, N.J., in 1967. Not being well versed on Fords from this era, I had to consult with club member Jerome Miller on this one for possible details. By the emblems on the car and the SS/D class, we determined that this is a 427 "side oiler" powered car. It appears that it has the two 4-barrell carbs, making this the 425 horsepower engine. (A 410 hp version was also available.) It was equipped with the 4-speed transmission. The bodies on the '66 and '67 Fairlanes are the same, I'm told, with only minor trim variations to help distinguish the year. Since the car is sponsored by a dealer, I suspect that it's the 1967 model, although racers commonly changed pieces that would interchange from year to year to fit a car into a more advantageous class. So, it may be a 1966... What I can tell you for sure is that, being a hard-core Chevy guy, the fact that I stopped to photograph this car tells me that it was obviously a very strong running car! With the guy sitting in the engine bay, obviously some serious tuning was going on when I snapped this photo.



Upcoming Events

Great Plains Street Rodders Ice Cream Social

June 24 is the Root Beer Social and Show 'n Shine at Children's Home Society. With help from volunteers, and support from your annual member dues, everyone gets a free root beer float. The children residents get a free *HotWheels* toy car and we all enjoy an evening.

Arrive early (5:00 p.m.) if you'd like to serve floats or handout *HotWheels*. Or, get a chair in the shade. ☺

We're no longer donating hotrod magazines. There's just too much content evaluation necessary to protect the various special needs of the children.

Thank you, Candi and Bones Hanson, for coordinating the supplies and everyone else for helping to make this a memorable evening for the children, young and old.

Reminder - No photos of the CHS children

Escort the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall

The Viet Nam Vets Legacy Vets MC and the Sioux Falls Vet's Council would like to invite The Great Plains Street Rodders to participate in the escort of the **Vietnam Traveling Wall from the VFW to the Pentagon on August 15**. We will stage at the Sioux Falls VFW at 15:00. We will be traveling up Minnesota Avenue turning left on Russell and proceeding out to Westport Avenue then on to the Sanford Pentagon. The order of departure will be police escort, two lead - flagged - bikes, the trailer with the Wall, hopefully 100-150 motorcycles and then hopefully 100-plus street rodders. Kick stands up at 15:45. Let me know if you have any questions. Ronald E. Obe, The Salvation Army, 338-6649, ron.obe@usc.salvationarmy.org

Summer Cruise Schedule



6/17/15 Handy Man Cruise Night
910 E. 10th Street, SF

6/24/15 Children's Home Society
3801 N. Sycamore, SF

7/01/15 Empire Pontiac Chapter Host
Sherman Park, 805 S. Kiwanis Ave.

7/08/15 Jack Fox Park, Lincoln Co. Cruisers
225 N. Broadway, Canton, SD

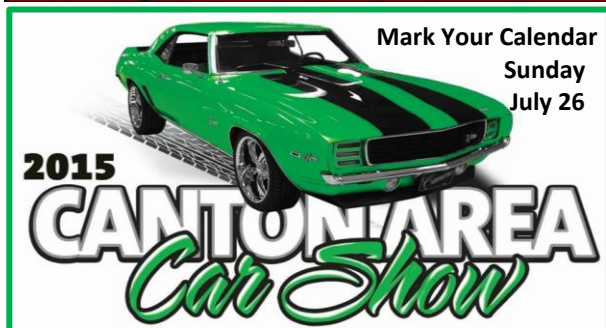
7/15/15 Poker Run - Great Plains Street Rodders
\$5 to Play, 100% Payout **We're hosting**

7/22/15 Cruise Night - Sioux Empire Ford Club
Wall Lake, Wall Lake Township

7/29/15 Falls Overlook Café
825 N. Weber, Sioux Falls

8/05/15 Riverdale Park – Potluck
2000 E. 24th Street, Sioux Falls

Some Flyers Emailed to the Great Plains Street Rodders



Lutheran High School
OF SIOUX FALLS
presents

MINISTRY MILES 5K RUN AND CAR SHOW

All Proceeds Benefit
Lutheran High School
OF SIOUX FALLS

- 5K RUN: 9 AM
- 2 MILE FAMILY WALK: 9:45 AM
- CAR SHOW: 10 TO 3 PM
- CONCESSIONS
- PROVIDES TUITION SUPPORT

JUNE 9 TO 27 3

PUT SOME MILES ON YOUR TIRES AND HOLES IN YOUR SOLES TO SUPPORT A LOCAL MINISTRY

Located at
Memorial Lutheran Church
5000 South Western Avenue

Ministry Miles 5K, Family Run, and Carshow
Saturday, June 27th, 2015 Please return this form to LHSSF by June 19 to secure your spot.

5K Start: 9:00 AM—\$20
2 Mile Walk: 9:45 AM—\$15
Carshow: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM—Free Will Gift

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Events: ☐ 5K ☐ 2 Mile Walk ☐ Car for Show

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Waiver: I understand that Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls and Memorial Lutheran Church shall not be held liable for any accidents or injuries to myself or my property during this event.

Recipe

Ice Cream in a Bag

1 Tbsp. sugar
1 cup half-and-half or milk
½ tsp. vanilla
½ cup rock salt
Ice cubes

Put sugar, half-and-half and vanilla in a quart-size ziplock bag and seal. Put rock salt and ice in a gallon-size bag. Place the smaller bag in the larger bag and seal. Squeeze the bag for 10 to 15 minutes.



We sure enjoyed the potluck picnic at Sherman Park.

Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)



WANTED – Classified ads

Free help for members selling or wanting something. Just email/reply with the information and a picture if you have one to any club message.

president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com

FOR SALE – Pair of Hankook Optimo H725 Tires, size 225/70/R14. These have less than 20 miles on them! Asking \$210. Tom Olsen, 759-6567

FOR SALE – Flathead Ford V8, It is complete except no carb. Does not run at this time. If anyone is interested please contact me. Thanks. Dan Coughlin, email address: danc_0@yahoo.com

Ron and Lynn Hammerschmidt's '34 Ford Cabriolet. Another beautiful, homebuilt, Hot Rod.



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Please email Clay at president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com if you're a 2015 Great Plains Street Rodder reading this printed version, have an email and did not get this emailed to you, also. With the changes to our website, new members and renewal management, we want to make sure you're getting all the communications that keep us together having fun.