



Cruisin' News

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Summer's Here, Let's Go Cruisin'

By Clay Seachris

President's message

As usual spring has been unpredictable. We've had some wonderful weather and some great cruising fun times, and then a couple days later it's been cold enough to snow. I'm just glad we didn't have a rod run to the hills planned.

A couple weeks back, Nick's Hamburger Run was great. It's always great to have the SODACS from the Vermillion area join us. About 30 cars and 50 people left Flying J together. Three more cars joined the cruisers along the way. After indulging in Nick's "World Famous Hamburgers," a bunch went to Chad Fergen's house to check out what was going on in his garage. Chad had his '59 Corvette Race Car in the garage; he's been racing and updating this car for 30 years.

We've enjoyed a number of nice evening Saturday Night gatherings with all kinds of hotrods at Hardees on Minnesota Avenue. Last Saturday it was cool to see a beautiful white 1933 Rolls Royce pull in and stay for a while. Burger King up the street will be closing on Memorial Day, and I'll miss going there for a sundae. Wendy's at 16th and Minnesota Avenue has invited us to enjoy Saturday evenings in their parking lot, also. Like many of you, I'm a sucker for soft ice cream and Wendy's makes a good chocolate "Frosty" shake.

The weather this year for the NSRA Inspection Day in Renner was perfect, and the lot was packed with hotrods of all makes and models. As usual the food was good and the social was even better. You can tell that a street rodder is a hardcore car guy when a classic goes up on a lift, the hardcore guys flock to see suspension, wiring, plumbing and all the other cool parts hidden all the time when the shiny side's up. To see a similar occurrence, check out the last page of this newsletter. ☺

The GPSR Harrisburgers cruise night recently had record breaking attendance. Again this was another memory-filled cruise night with friends and cool cars. Someone mentioned the club had 50 street rods there that evening.

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Around 50 members enjoyed a nice cruise night to Harrisburgers

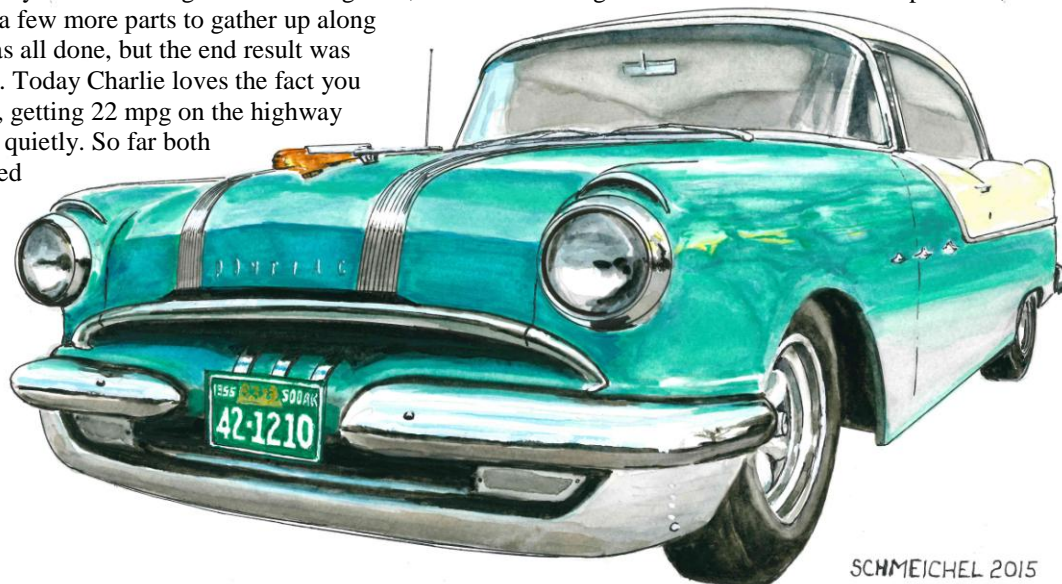
Perseverance to Bold and Beautiful Satisfaction

By Bob Schmeichel

I think you can honestly say that most people into cars 40- to 50-plus years ago drove the life out of whatever kind of vehicle they had at the time. The new found independence of driving as a teenager was left to our imagination with no regard to how nice what we were driving was then. Thoughts of driving a car sensibly were not on a priority level. Whether it was in town or in the country, the constant adrenalin rush for acceleration was at our command under a person's right foot. Yet in the back of our minds, we knew there was always the uncertain possibility of being caught by a city policeman or highway patrol officer for doing anything illegal while entertaining ourselves or others. Taking off out of a drive-in restaurant, the Barrell Drive Inn for instance, and squealing your tires while leaving tire marks on the road as you left was kind of the thing to do 50 years ago. Some still do it today for attention chancing the possibility of getting an exhibition or speeding ticket and having their insurance cost go up or even coverage dropped. Anyone having fun that way learns quickly it can be expensive. Being older and wiser today, I understand the cars are what originally brought us together, but now it's the people and friendships that keep bringing us back. As Charlie Hollingshead was telling me about his early fun with cars, it felt only too familiar to what we all had done in our younger years. Charlie said he had always regretted later in life about beating on a really nice 1955 Pontiac he had when he was 16. His early fun-thrashing on cars taught him a lot about mechanics, which evolved into a lifelong career as a certified mechanic as he still is today, starting in 1969 at Soo Import and working the last 31 years at Billion Toyota.

Little did Charlie know after building quite a few cars over the years that a '55 Pontiac would spark his interest again. In the spring of 2009 while skimming through the internet cars-for-sale ads, he saw one advertised and all the fun, old memories of the '55 Pontiac he had at 16 came rolling back. He called the owner that same evening about the ad and was informed that all the bodywork was done and the car was pretty much ready to paint. Enthused about what the owner was saying, Charlie told him to hang on to the car for another day and he'd be right down there to look at it. So the following morning, Charlie and his buddy, Jim Stansberry, went to Clinton, Iowa, to check it out. As the owner had told Charlie, the car appeared to have all the body work done with all of the trim pieces still attached to the car or inside the interior. Happy about what he saw and the story that the owner gave them, the car was on the trailer in no time and on its way back to Sioux Falls. After a couple of nights of looking at the car and planning in his mind what he was going to do with it, Charlie finally tore into it disassembling it in order to bring it up to today's standards while going more in a hot rod cruiser direction. To his discouragement as he started taking the car apart right down to the bare frame, he discovered that he was grossly misled about all of the body work which was done with aluminum tape and Bondo'd over. It was totally not done correctly in any way, shape or form by today's standards to last. The more he took it apart, the more rust he found. Most everyone who came by to see how he was doing on his new project and after seeing the rust told him, "Don't bother with fixing the car up as it was too far gone!" Those kinds of comments never stopped from the beginning, which only made Charlie more determined to see this car through to the end. Charlie did mention with chasing down parts cars and parts over a five-year period, along with some pieces coming from as far away as Albuquerque, New Mexico, there was way more than one occasion where he was ready to put the car in the driveway and start it on fire. After much discouragement, by the time Charlie finally got the body to where it was acceptable to him with doing all the bodywork, framework and some paint, he had replaced the hood, both front fenders, both doors, the whole roof grafting another one on at the pillars, parts of the interior floors, inner trunk floor, and part of the frame. New glass and interior finished out the body.

Next the fun part began with buying a 1995 Buick Roadmaster and adapting the entire drive train (LT-1 engine, AOD trans and rearend) into the old Pontiac frame. He also installed a Fat-Man Mustang II front suspension with power rack and pinion and disc brakes. There was a learning curve to this yet with making it all come together, but Charlie being a mechanic with a ton of experience, understood this part totally. There were a few more parts to gather up along the way and/or get chromed before it was all done, but the end result was worth what he went through to get there. Today Charlie loves the fact you can touch the key and the car is running, getting 22 mpg on the highway while rolling down the road smooth and quietly. So far both Charlie and his wife, Sandy, have enjoyed the new, old Pontiac cruising to the Black Hills, Back to the Fifties event in St Paul, and to the Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown last fall while finding new friends and creating new memories along the way. This may sound a little bit sentimental, but I think sharing this is the part of life with friends that can't get any better and is just short of having grandchildren to share it with.



SCHMEICHEL 2015



Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Talking to Ellen Van Noort will make your mouth water. She's Julia Child and Paula Deen all rolled into one. "My mother cooked for shut-ins so I grew up in the kitchen. I love cooking and do everything from scratch. I love catering even better. I used to cater for auctions, cooking in my kitchen, then taking the food out to them. I collect cookbooks and love trying out new recipes. Bob is my guinea pig." Ellen has also spent countless hours cooking as a volunteer for the Salvation Army. This seasoned cook (pardon the pun) grew up in Sioux Falls with her parents, two sisters and a brother. She graduated from Washington High. "Mostly, I've done cooking and cleaning, but I also ran a daycare and trained nurses' aides."

"I was born in Canton," Bob shares. "We lived for awhile in Fairview then moved to Sioux Falls. Before I graduated from Washington, I joined the Navy Reserves then went into active duty and nine months later was sent to Vietnam." Bob did several different things in the service. In Vietnam, he served on a crew that distributed fuel to military personnel. "When I was there, my brother, Roger, came over so we were there at the same time for part of the time." He continues, "After the service, I took auto mechanics at Sioux Area Vo Tech. Later, I took more schooling in Montana for small appliance repair. I worked at Mahlander's for 13 years repairing appliances, and then became a work supervisor at Achieve for 13 years. I retired after that."

Married for 37 years, Ellen was drawn to Bob because of his big heart. They actually met, though, through a CB exchange. "My 'handle' was 'Little Sister,' and his was 'Reindeer Kid.' We played on opposing softball teams and my team would get in touch with his team on the CB. We would challenge them to a game because we were better than them," Ellen remembers with a "smuggish" grin.

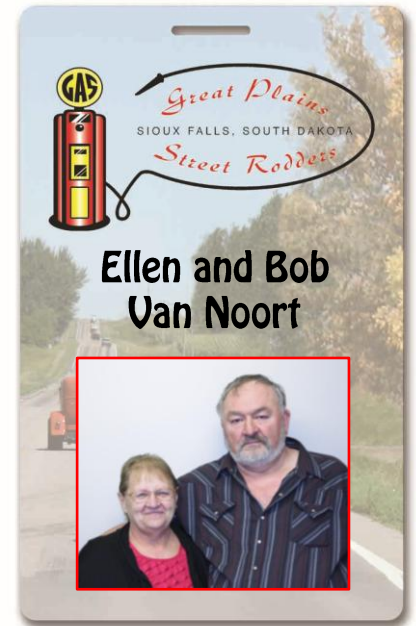
Later, when Ellen went out to Glasgow, Montana, for schooling, Bob followed. There, Bob enrolled in a school for electricians and studied small appliance repair. Before returning to Sioux Falls, they got married, becoming a blended family. "We each had a little girl—my daughter, Kimberly Ann, and Ellen's daughter, Amy Jo. The girls were 11 months apart," Bob informs.

Bob and Ellen are a couple who enjoy doing things together. "We like antiquing," says Ellen. "I collect cookbooks and cherry blossom pink depression glass." "I collect anything Texaco," Bob adds. "I have a whole room of Texaco stuff, an 'overabundance' according to Ellen." In addition, the Van Noorts like putting puzzles together. "We always have a puzzle going, but we don't like doing any that are under 1,000 pieces. We also do water aerobics Monday through Friday at the Avera McKennan Fitness Center. They keep the water temperature at 94 degrees so it's good for arthritis."

Besides cooking, Ellen enjoys ceramics and mahjong. "We've also done a few senior bus tours including a couple to Branson, and they were fun." Bob's daughter and her family live in northern Minnesota and so are not visited often. Ellen's daughter and her family live in a suburb of St. Louis where they are ministers in the Salvation Army. "We try to get down there about three times or so a year."

When asked if there was anything on their "bucket list," Ellen quickly responded. "It's always been a lifelong dream to go on a cruise. I love the water and I'd really like to do a cruise. We don't care where—maybe get off different places so we could go through the little shops." Bob agrees, "It would be nice to take a laid-back vacation with nothing planned." They are planning a trip to Minnesota with family this summer. Ellen acknowledges with a grin, "Me and Amy Jo are the only ones that fish—not Bob or the kids." "I always do the cleaning, though," Bob pipes up, an important contribution, no doubt.

Both of the Van Noorts have struggled with major health issues at certain times but now love participating in the club. "The people are fabulous and the club is one of the highlights. We love the cruises that go through the parks and go to places not far from here." All of us have to admit, though, that times have changed. Instead of CBs, cell phones are more in use. Still, the idea of "handles" sounds like fun. How about we give you new ones that reflect your hobbies, Ellen and Bob? Would "Stove Master" and "Texaco Kid" work for you?



Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Darrell "Bones" Hanson and his family. Bones' brother, Orrell "Ape" Hanson, passed away April 17 surrounded by his family.

Bones and Candi Hanson are long-time Great Plains Street Rodders. We're glad to share the good times with them and also be there to support them during difficult times.

Thanks Given

Thank you for the cards and acts of kindness that were shown during the recent loss of Bones' brother, Orrell "Ape" Hanson. You are a great bunch of friends, thanks again "Bones" & Candi Hanson.

Cliff Ave Auto Thanks

Thank you club members for attending the April, 2 Trent Show –n Shine. Gary and Audrey Remme's '34 Chevy Coupe was the People's Choice Award winner. In appreciation, let us know you're a GPSR member and request account #111427 for discounts at Cliff Avenue Auto Parts. Thank you, Ron Haney

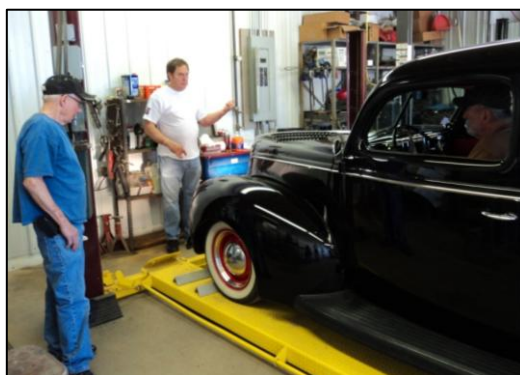


Youth Group Fundraiser

The annual Harrisburg United Methodist Youth Group's Car Hop fundraiser is Sunday, May 31, from 5-7p.m. Special hotrod parking. Burgers, hot dogs and home-made ice cream are served.

Inspection Thank You

There were 35 cars from all eras inspected at the Annual NSRA Inspections hosted by the Renner Garage in Renner, SD. Thank you to the volunteer safety inspectors Craig "Cooter" Leao, Vern Jensen and Bob Schmeichel. Thank you Renner Garage and all the helpers for hosting. The food was good, the weather was great and the day really set a positive tone for a fun, safe season.



Wendy's Thanks You

Thank you for choosing Wendy's at 12th & Lyons for your club's gathering. Pat (multi-store mgr.) was excited to meet you in person and Jason (regional mgr.) is enthused about your club.

All of us at Wendy's look forward to future gatherings of your club. Your members will get a 20% discount on their meals when they bring their cars to the Wendy's Classic Car Show, Friday, May 15, Wendy's, 12th & Lyons.

We are hoping Saturday night gatherings of your club will enjoy our Wendy's at 708 S. Minnesota. See you on the 15th!
Debbie Boyle, Wendy's of Sioux Falls

Youth Group Fundraiser

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 SF Lutheran High School.

May Birthdays

(2nd half)

Archie Dunham	18
Ron Heemstra	23
Bob Irvine	25
Audrey Jorgenson	27
Virgene Schrader	29
Candi Hanson	30
Darla Schmuck	30
Virginia Solheim	31

June Birthdays

(1st half)

Fred Vegge	2
Ivan Buskol	5
Tom Cain	6
Duane Rogers	6
Sarah Stokes	6
Deb DeBoer	9
Vern Jensen	9
Shirley Fick	10
Ann Larson	11
Jason Jellis	13
Carol Lee	13
Tina Irvine	15

May Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Mike and Sheila Miller	17
Archie and Julie Dunham	17
Ben and Tami Ekrem	19
Ken and Barb Buchanan	27

June Anniversaries

(1st half)

Mike and Lori Paulson	4
Bob and Tina Irvine	7
Steve and Rhonda Ollerich	7
Ron and Lynn Hammerschmidt	10
Clay and Susan Seachris	10
Gary and Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry and Kris Golden	12
Jeff and Jean Knowlton	13

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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



Fun Photos Outdoors and Indoors



Emery and Carol Lee's '33 Ford Cabriolet at Harrisburgers



Jerry and Robin Miller's '70 Mustang Boss 302 at Harrisburgers



Bruce and Suzi Aldrich's '57 Studebaker Silver Hawk at Harrisburgers



Jules and Marilyn Haper's freshly painted '39 Chevy at Harrisburgers

Ladies Spring Fling



Does Susan Jump get to keep her necklace? Maritta Husman opens her gift. Susan Seachris models No. 10 Saloon wear. Nancy Jellis has evening attire.



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.



Couldn't Quite Buy It

My high school friend, Larry Jaspers, bought this 1968 Chevy Nova brand new. It was equipped with the L-79 327ci/325hp engine package in a time when many hot rodders were opting for big blocks in these cars. Larry ordered the car with the 4-speed transmission, a radio and no "power robbing" options. After a short while, Larry found himself drafted into the US Army and, later, in Germany. I was in Vietnam about this time and was planning to buy myself a neat car upon my return. After weeks of letters going back and forth (no email, Skype, cell phones, etc. at the time), Larry and I negotiated a deal for me to buy the car. The only problem was Larry's dad, who was caring for the car at home, wasn't going for it! I think he was having way too much fun driving the car to let me buy it; the end result was that I never was able to buy the car. Local drag racer Steve Koppien owns it now, and races it with a big block installed. Steve still has the original engine and is thinking about restoring the car to "as new" condition for the local cruise night scene. I hope he does, it would be great to see this car back on the streets.



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
27 TO
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 nor Memorial Lutheran Church shall
not be held liable for any accidents or injuries to
myself or my property during this event.

Upcoming Events

The Car Show at Harrisburg Days

When	- Saturday, June 13th, 2015
Registration	- 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Set Up	- 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Show Time	- 12:00 noon – 3:30 pm
Awards At:	- 3:30 pm
Where:	- Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD.

The show is open to all makes, models and years of cars and trucks. Judging and awards is based on a scoring system where points are awarded based on attention to detail, interior, engine compartment, undercarriage and more.

Come for the Car Show and stay for a day of fun events, great food and incredible free live music. Register today to be a



Summer Cruise Schedule



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| 5/20/15 | Sonic / Northern Tool
3910 West 34 th Street, SF | 6/17/15 | Handy Man Cruise Night
910 E. 10 th Street, SF |
| 5/27/15 | Lower Sherman Park, Potluck
1805 S. Kiwanis Avenue, SF | 6/24/15 | Children's Home Society, Root Beer Float Social – 3801 N. Sycamore, SF |
| 6/03/15 | Terry Koch's Race Shop <i>**Thanks Terry</i>
26846 469 th Avenue, SF | 7/01/15 | Empire Pontiac Chapter Host
Sherman Park, 805 S. Kiwanis Ave. |
| 6/10/15 | J&L Harley-Davidson
2601 W. 60 th Street, SF | 7/08/15 | Jack Fox Park, Lincoln Co. Cruisers
225 N. Broadway, Canton, SD |

Some Flyers Emailed to the Great Plains Street Rodders

Papik Motors
1-90 Luverne, MN
2015

Spring Rally & Car Show

Saturday, May 16
11am – 2pm

FREE inflatables for the kids!

Celebrating 20 years on I-90!

You're invited to join us for this special event!

Anyone interested in displaying their vehicle(s) is encouraged to pre-register in order to have vehicle signage ready. Registration forms are available at www.facebook.com/papikmotors and at Papik Motors. Or, call 507-283-9171 or 800-634-7701. *Note: Registration is FREE.*

FREE burgers will be served by the Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Assoc. from 11:30am until gone.

Street Rods - Classics - Collectibles - Race Cars
Drivers - Refreshments - Burgers - Door Prizes

View our event page, including photos from past events: [Find us on Facebook](#)

JOIN US!

CAR HOP

BURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND
HOME-MADE ICE CREAM

May 31st 2015
5-7pm

HARRISBURG UNITED METHODIST
204 GRAND AVENUE PH. 605-767-2253
COST: FREE-WILL DONATION

Hosted by:
Harrisburg United Methodist
Youth Group

Harrisburg United Methodist

22nd ANNUAL BUFFALO DAYS CRUISE-IN

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015
6-10 PM

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

MAIN STREET LUVERNE, MN

Motorcycles
Trucks
Corvettes
Street Cars
Classic Cars
Muscle Cars +
Antique Tractors
WELCOME!

FREE VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Corral Parking Available for Over 300 Vehicles!

Enjoy the sounds of "Starfires"

Beer Garden & Food Court

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Keith Schmuck (507) 227-1430, Ken Vos (507) 220-7673,
Luverne Area Chamber (888)283-4061

www.luvernechamber.com

Breakfast Enchiladas

From the kitchen of Jayne DeBoer (served at the Spring Fling)

1 lb. sausage, browned
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
8 (8 in.) flour tortillas
6 eggs

2 cups half-and-half
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
3-oz. package Real Bacon Bits

Spray 9x13 inch pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together browned sausage, 1 cup cheese and half the package of bacon bits. Place 1/8 of mixture down the center of a tortilla. Roll up and place seam side down in the baking dish. Repeat until all tortillas are filled. In another large bowl, beat eggs, half-and-half, flour and salt. Pour over the tortillas in the pan. You can cover the dish and place in the refrigerator or bake immediately. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Uncover dish and sprinkle remaining 1 cup of cheese and bacon bits over the tortillas. Cover baking dish and bake for 35 minutes. Uncover dish and bake for 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)



WANTED – Classified ads

Free help to sell something or find something. Just email (or reply to any club message) the information and a picture if you have one to 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

Great Plains

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Street Rodders

It's always nice to see new members open the hood of their car. The guys flock to it like bees to honey. It's a Great Plains Street Rodders recipe for instant friendship. ☺



The guys enjoy the "new kid on the block" Bruce and Suzi Aldrich's Studebaker.