



Cruisin' News

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Rollin With the Changes

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Through the years our club has grown, adapted and made changes to continue being the successful, fun group that was started over 30 years ago. These changes were only possible through friendship and vision. From the beginning we've been fortunate to have a solid core of friends who've been cruising together since high school. As good friends do, they collectively agreed on what was fun and positive for the club. Susan and I were fortunate enough to become friends with a number of these "car people" and before we knew it, we were part of a family. We been members for over 10 years now and I've been the president since 2007. I'm glad to have seen and gone through the changes with veteran members and new members. Veteran members have seen many new members join, and like Susan and I did years ago, become an integral part of this extended family. I hope you all feel comfortable enough to continue to be crucial parts of cruise and event planning. This club has prospered on the adage that many hands make light work, so your ideas are always appreciated and the many hands of the club are willing to help make an idea a reality.

Speaking of ideas, Ron Roe is curious who would be interested in a Route 66 cruise in the future. He's in the planning stage and wondering what kind of participation a week-long cruise would be, so let him know your thoughts.

We've also been visiting about an afternoon cruise to Inwood, Iowa. We've been to MarketPlace Grill on Main Street there, and they've changed names to Crazy Bob's Railside Café. Anyone interested in setting a date and time for this?

Another cruise that'd be fun again would be an afternoon run to Rock Rapids to visit the rapids and enjoy a good meal. Anyone interested in setting a date and time for this?

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



We packed Wall Lake Recreation Area. Thank you to our host, the Ford Club.

No "Rest in Peace" Rust

By Bob Schmeichel

Anyone who has thought about building an original Henry Ford steel car from the '30s is finding out they are getting harder and more expensive to find today even for the avid hard-core car builders. And if you challenge yourself by wanting a specific year and model, you may wind up getting what you can as a starting point to move forward with your desire. All too often when a car project is found, and if it isn't all there with the picture that a person has in their minds eye, people will usually shy away from the insurmountable attention needed to get to the end result. I have always said it takes a continuous drive, money, and above all, patience if you don't have it to build any car no matter how you do it. Accepting the problems of wanting a very specific body model can take it to another level of stress.

Emery Lee already had a 1933 Ford Cabriolet street rod. It was a really good driving-riding car with all the current trend items, besides great looks, to help it retain its value. The body was a nice fiberglass reproduction of the early Henry Ford model with a chopped top. Even though the car was drop dead gorgeous in every way, Emery has always had a really strong liking to have an original steel version of the same thing. After a few years of driving the glass car and the desire still stronger than ever, he decided to sell the car to fund building the real thing. Finding an original steel car, as I said earlier, can be a challenge as Emery found out over a period of years. Eventually in 2007, he found one on eBay in Alabama that he snatched up right away, and as he told me, probably paid too much for it as he later found out. It was advertised as having light front end damage but was all there. After getting the car back to South Dakota, Emery saw that it was an earlier unfinished '70s built street rod. The small block Ford engine, trans, Mustang II front suspension with 4-bolt wheels and an 8-inch Ford rear end that underlined the build timeframe. But the damage was way more extensive than the owner admitted to Emery over the phone, taking out the front bumper, grill, radiator, hood, front fenders and cowl back to the passenger door. Also because the owner had lost interest after crashing the car, it was left exposed to the outside elements in a grove of trees for years. The longtime exposure left the hulk full of deteriorating leaves and dirt in every nook and cranny of the body creating rust from the inside out like a cancer.

Too often I hear misleading stories people are told about cars they are buying that don't seem to represent the actual image. Distance and not being able to see the car in person seem to leave many problems later for the buyer to work through. Emery took the car to Color Mystique to have Mike and Don Jones tear into the car and work to make the '33 a reality for him. After the mangled junk front sheet metal was removed as well as the engine and trans, it was discovered that the twisted frame was beyond repair and the cowl portion of the body was also heavily damaged. The list kept adding up with too-far-gone, ill-repaired arch welded fenders and because the car sat outside in a grove for so long, the doors, inner wheel wells, front lower rear quarters, rear lower panel and deck lid all had extensive rust and in rough shape.

Emery told me even though the car was a roller and all there, he felt he had bought a basket case with only a salvageable body from the doors on back. So the first thing on the agenda was to order a new frame from the Roadster Shop out of Illinois to give the body a good base to get squared away on. The new frame came with a Heidts independent front suspension, disc brakes, a triangulated suspended 9-inch Ford rear end, plumbed, along with engine and trans mounts, and coilovers on all four corners. Once that arrived, Dennis Slaymaker was called upon for a better cowl portion of the body as a replacement from a sedan body. After Mike Jones massaged the sedan cowl up to the windshield frame portion and the floor of the original cabriolet body, more labor intensive work began. Quite a few areas of the body were replaced with new steel patch panels or complete new panels all together that included all four new steel fenders, new running boards, a new grill, new stainless steel top bows, bumpers, and I am sure the list goes on. Emery did say he had a couple complete hoods he had bought over the years at swap meets, so he didn't have to buy that to replace. After Mike Jones had all the body work back to where it needed to be, the car was blown apart and a beautiful grey Porsche color paint was applied. With that done, the car was assembled back together with a newer LS engine and AOD trans and completely wired. Once all the mechanical work was finalized, the car was handed off to Jeff and Sue Meendering at J & S Upholstery to create an all grey leather interior and trunk area. Jeff and Sue actually installed the finishing touch of a black convertible top, too that really sets off the grey car color with the chrome plated American mag wheels. Everything about the car works great together and visually creates one outstanding ride that could have been lost to time if Emery hadn't brought it back from its would-be grave.



SCHMEICHEL 2015



Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Bill and Karen Buus may be seen cruising to car events in their '56 Chevy, a rod purchased from Bill's father with a lot of sentiment attached. When talking with this friendly, easy-going couple, it was obvious that they enjoyed street rodding but that family bonding was at the top of their list. "We have two grandchildren, Morgan, 4, and Jacob, 1 and a half, and we can't see 'em enough," Karen shares with the enthusiasm of a devoted grandparent. The Buss's have two children. Stacy, their daughter, lives with her husband and two kids in Brookings. She works for Daktronics and her husband is a connection coordinator at GracePoint Wesleyan Church. Their son, Ryan, is finishing up his residency in physical therapy at Mayo. Bethany, his wife, works as a speech pathologist in the Triton school district near Rochester. Ryan is hoping to get a job with Mayo and remain in the Midwest.

A Sioux Falls native, Karen recalls, "I was born and raised here. My whole family, including three sisters, still lives here. I graduated from downtown Washington. After high school, I took a year off, trying to decide if I wanted to go to college or go into the Army. I met Bill, and as my dad would say, got an MRS. degree, instead." While dating Bill, Karen cooked for Walgreen's restaurant. She also worked for several years at the Sanford daycare but is now an education assistant in the school system, working in the Special Ed. Department. "I've always worked with children and I love that."

Bill, on the other hand, is a country boy. "I grew up on a farm in the Adrian-Magnolia, Minnesota area. There were three older boys and we did a lot of the milking – 25 to 30 head of cows, so it was a full-time job." Bill had two younger sisters and one brother, as well. "I thought about sticking with farming but a tornado took down the barn, and I used that as an excuse to get out of there." When he and Karen met, Bill was working as a bouncer at an establishment where Karen and her roommate hung out. Presently, Bill pounds nails for a living. "When I moved to Sioux Fall, I became a carpenter and I've been a carpenter all my life. I've worked for a lot of sub-contractors, basically framing and siding new houses. I don't do shingling or insulating. I just put a roof over everybody's head." Over a year ago, Bill put his carpentry skills to use building a ranch-style retirement home for himself and Karen. One of Karen's hobbies is gardening, so she has been working on the landscaping. "I also like scrapbooking but a lot of our stuff is still in storage, so it may be awhile before I get back to it."

Bill's form of leisure takes him to the great outdoors. "I like bow hunting. I spend a lot of time in the trees. It's so peaceful. You shut up and let nature talk to you. It's my therapy." Bill hunts deer and turkey mostly in Lincoln County. "When I have more time, I'd like to go elk hunting – maybe in Colorado or Montana. Getting a license in South Dakota is a 14-year process."

Another outdoor activity the Buss's enjoyed as a family was camping. The joy in that experience may not have extended to the time they were building their house, however. Karen recalls, "We lived in a camper from the 70s for six weeks and we are still married."

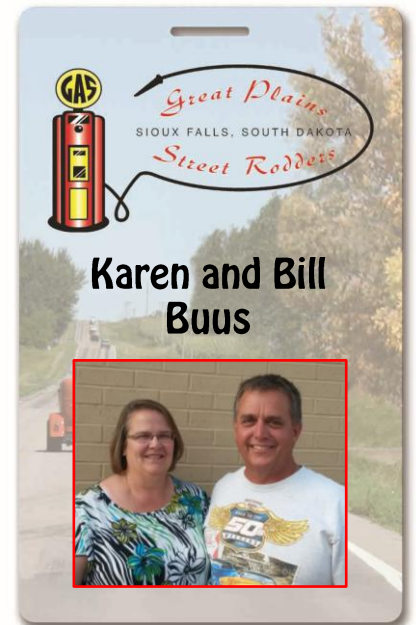
Karen's wish for the future involves a very long plane trip. "I'd really like to go to Australia. When they were in college, both Ryan and Stacy went to Australia to study overseas for a semester. One of them went to Perth, the other to Sidney." For now, though, the Buus's seem content to be a part of our club and to spend time with family. When asked what he liked most about spending time with his spouse, Bill responded, "Just working together, having a safe place that's peaceful." "Yeah," his wife clarifies.

"He sits in one room and watches TV and I sit in the other."

"That's where the peacefulness comes in," Bill quips with a grin.

Both Karen and Bill look forward to retirement. Perhaps, By then, they'll have trees surrounding their house, an elk Head mounted on the wall, and two tickets to Australia waiting at the ticket counter. On their return, we will be anxious for them to join us at our designated dining spot so they can regale us with all of the details of their overseas experience. Eating, chatting, sharing, cruising – it's all part of the club. Apparently, the Buus's agree.

It doesn't get any better than that.



Thank You Pontiacs

Thank you Sioux Empire Pontiac Club for hosting another successful pizza and root beer float picnic at Sherman Park. The food, weather, friends and numerous cars that showed up made this a perfect evening picnic.



Poker Run Results

The annual poker run had a fantastic attendance again, so the payout was quite sizable.

A new washer and dryer were donated. Congratulations to Steve and Helene Carlson for taking them home. The best hand and biggest payout went to John Lynch, with four threes. Second place was Deb DeBoer, followed by her husband Mike, who took home the same amount of cash for worst hand.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the stops and all the participants who added to the fun! This has become such a fun event that we're looking to swap it on the cruise schedule as it competes with Hot Summer Nights, and many Corvette enthusiasts in the club miss it every year.



Thank You Chauffeurs

On behalf of all the pageant title holders from the 2015 Canton Classic Car Parade, we really appreciated you and your cool convertibles again this year. Every year, we're so fortunate to have convertibles from the Great Plains club drive the titleholders in the Classic Car Parade. Thank you all again this year. Jessie Brower, Miss Canton Pageant Director



Great Plains and Planes

The Experimental Aircraft Association's pancake fundraiser at the Lincoln County Airport was a big hit again this year. Our club really enjoyed showing off their cars and seeing the planes and going for rides in the planes. We enjoyed helping to raise funds for the Young Eagles group.



Lake Okoboji Rod Run

You're invited to a weekend of Classic Cars & Rods in the Iowa Great Lakes! Saturday, August 15, Classic Car Show registration at 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunday, August 16, meet at 9 a.m. to cruise the Lakes. Tour Okoboji Classic Cars and enjoy the day.

August Birthdays

(2nd half)

Dale Aurit	17
Deb Bowman	17
Betty Heidebrink	17
Duane Olson	17
Judy Bentson	18
Jean Knowlton	18
Shirley Alby	19
Glenn Walker	20
Bruce Aldrich	22
Robin Miller	22
Gale Horan	26
LaNette Munce	27
Terry Koch	28
Garry Remme	28
Jeff Knowlton	29
Mike Tlustos	29

September Birthdays

(1st half)

Jayne DeBoer	1
Jeannine Ogle	4
David Frock	6
Sean Ahlers	8
Glenn Winingham	8
Julie Slumskie	10
Dianne Corkill	12
Gary Thomas	12
Sheila Miller	14

August Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Ron and Karen Roe	23
Tom and Judy Cain	29

September Anniversaries

(1st half)

Dave and Mave Sandberg	3
Kevin and Cheri Kappenman	6
Kirk and Michelle Lee	7
Rick and Betsy Peterson	10
Bones and Candi Hanson	11
Keith and Darla Schmuck	11
Scott and Bunny Brady	13
Jason and Christina Jellis	15

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Poker Run Follies



Mike and Jean spin the wheel for a card.



Terry and Josie with water balloons.



Steve and Helene won a washer and dryer.



Congratulations John Lynch for best hand!



Deb DeBoer's hand was second best.



Mike DeBoer won \$\$\$ for "Worst Hand."



Great Plains Street Rodders showed off their cars and enjoyed seeing and riding in the planes at a recent fundraiser at the Lincoln Co. Airport.



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 "Quiet One" Was Not So Quiet

Here's another strong running Ford that caught this Chevy guy's attention back in 1965. I took this photo at the National Drags, held over Labor Day Weekend, in Indianapolis, IN. Jerry Harvey's 65 Galaxie hardtop was powered by a 427ci SOHC (Single Overhead Cam) hemi Ford engine. The car was running in the B/Factory Experimental class; the FX classes allowed racers to run different engine packages from the manufacturer that weren't available as a production item in that particular car. While I don't recall how it did at the Nationals, the car did win its class at the 1965 Winternationals with a time of 11.91; quick at the time for a heavy 3800-plus-pound car. This was one of several successful race cars to come out of Bob Ford in Dearborn, MI.



Great Plains Wienie Roast at Ron and Karen Roe's is August 22

The 11th Annual Wienie Roast at Ron and Karen Roe's is Saturday, August 22. The social starts at 5:00 p.m. Plan to eat around 6:15 p.m.

This is also potluck, so there's much more than hot dogs. Bring salads, chips, desserts or a hotdish.

It's a family picnic with games and lots of green space for your children to play. Kids of all ages roast marshmallows and make s'mores as the sun goes down. Bring your bag chairs and maybe a lap blanket or jacket as it gets cool by the fire after dark.

The car club provides the hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, relish, water, drinks (Coke products) and utensils. The couple blocks of gravel is dust treated, but feel free to drive whatever you like.

Try to park hotrods on the east side facing the sun and down the middle, so those taking photos have the sun in their back.

Bob Schmeichel and others may be taking pictures as you enter so smile pretty. ☺



Summer Cruise Schedule




- 08/19/15 Veteran's Hospital Car Show**
2501 W. 22nd St, Sioux Falls
- 08/26/15 Bethany Meadows, Show-n-Shine**
3008 E. Aspen Blvd., Brandon, SD
- 09/02/15 Dakota Digital Cruise Night**
4510 W. 61st St. N., Sioux Falls
- 09/09/15 First Reformed Church**
4800 S. Tomar Road, Sioux Falls
- 09/16/15 Arby's, East 10th**
2729 East 10th Street, Sioux Falls
- 09/23/15 Executive Touch / Subaru**
1011 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

09/30/15 NAPA Auto, Tea
27095 Katie Road, Tea, SD

We've got more cruise days and nights being planned. September and into October we need to keep in mind the weather and places that can handle us indoors if necessary...

Let President Clay Seachris know if you have a cruise idea and are willing to coordinate the event. Clay is always willing to pass the word.

Some Flyers Emailed to the Great Plains Street Rodders



Chasers' 5th Annual Car Show
Sat August 15 2015

8405 W. 12th St. • Sioux Falls, SD • 605.335.9633

Registration 3PM
Show and Shine



T-Shirts, door prizes, other specials to all participating car owners.

Intersection of
W 12th Street & Tea/Ellis Road

If you have additional questions please call
Judy 366-2444.





14th Annual VA Show & Shine
August 19, 2015, 5:30-8:00 PM

All vehicles and motorcycles welcome, Dash plaques, door prizes, trophies. No entry fee. Food available for purchase.

VA benefits info available for Veterans.

36th ANNIVERSARY VINTIQUES ROD RUN & KAMP OUT
Located at Lake Kampeska, Memorial Park
SEPTEMBER 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2015
Note: All times subject to change!

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 11th
2:00 PM to 9:00 PM
5:30 PM until gone
Registration at Memorial Park
Barbeque, Chips & Ice Cream Social (for Participants only)

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 12th
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
5:00 PM
6:30 PM
Registration at Memorial Park
Garage Tours (for Participants only)
Ross Jeanneret when it's full!
36th Anniversary Tour for Women (for Participants only) Destinations to be announced later
Registration Uptown Watertown
SHOW & SHINE Uptown Watertown
Uptown parking starting at 10:00 am. Both center rows must fill from the west end. Center Rows on each block must fill before starting a new block.
Ladies Poker Walk Uptown.
Roast Pork & Sweet Corn Supper @ Memorial Park
Poker Run Around Lake Kampeska

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13th
9:00 AM
10:00 AM
Coffee & Rolls at Memorial Park Awards

Note: Dash plaques for 1st 350 participants that turn in their Top 10-voting sheet

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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 – Pontiac Wheels.
6"x14" \$20 for both.
Call Bob at 361-1932



Recipe

Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Bars

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
½ cup sugar
1 egg
½ cup coconut, if desired
1 (16.5 oz.) roll of refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough

In a bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and egg until smooth. Stir in coconut. In ungreased 8- or 9-inch square pan, press half the cookie dough in the bottom of pan to form crust. Spread cream cheese mixture over dough. Crumble remaining half of dough over cream cheese layer. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 30 minutes. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until chilled.

FOR SALE – 1995 Oldsmobile Aurora, \$1,300 or best offer. Clean car with great tires, brakes and battery. Call Steve Bliss at 605-261-0388(cell) or e-mail me at stephenbliss@hotmail.com



Tyler Swanger, Ally Dykstra, Sean Ahlers and Sarah Dirks at the Canton Area Car Show. Thanks Tyler for helping with the show. So great to have young members too.