



Cruisin' News

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Street Rodder Vacation

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Susan and I enjoyed another group caravan down to Lincoln for a fun weekend with fellow street rodders. The weather was in the mid-seventies and sunny this year. On the way down Susan and some of the ladies stopped off and enjoyed the outlet malls between Omaha and Lincoln. We arrived at Speedway Motors and met up with others who'd went the day before to spend additional time antiquing. At Speedway a number of guys picked up parts while the rest of us just relaxed outside and enjoyed the sunny outdoors before heading across the parking lot to the Museum of American Speed. We had a nice mix of veteran museum goers mingling in with first-time attendees. I enjoy the museum every year; the displays and cars change, the time with friends is always fun and making new friendships is always rewarding. The museum's exhibit designer, Jarrid Roulet, visited about having the club back for private tours and also shared some information on private car collection tours while we're at Back to the Fifties. The swap meet this year had perfect weather and a number of people brought home hard-to-find items. We've begun making plans for next year negotiating a block of rooms at a new motel, TownePlace Suites. This motel has more amenities: breakfast buffet, picnic area, indoor meeting space, swimming pool and elevator.



As we continue to make this more of a spring vacation weekend, we continue to explore additional shopping ideas and excursion plans. A number of friends enjoyed wine tasting at Nebraska's largest winery, James Arthur Vineyards, this year and will probably include that as an option.

The Special Interest Rear-Plate Only law passed and becomes another plate option on or about July 1. This plate cost is a regular renewal fee plus \$25. A 6,000-mile rule and other stipulations apply. Current historic, year

of auto and personalized plates did not change, legally you still have to display both plates on your street rod. Iowa is currently considering their own rear plate only law. At this time legislatures are negotiating to exempt owners of cars and trucks at least 25 years old from needing two license plates. There are currently 19 states that don't have front plates: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Let 'Er Buck

By Bob Schmeichel

Don Reichert grew up on the wide open spaces of a ranch in western South Dakota. Because of the life style there in the late 50s of what was cool, Don got enamored with bull riding and started learning the skill at the young age of 14. I have always said I think most kids growing up on a farm or ranch then, grew up tougher than most and Don was no exception. While working on the ranch, he honed his skills for the next few years while attending high school in Sturgis, which led him to his senior year winning second in bare backs at the Buffalo Regional High School Rodeo. That same year he placed second in bull riding at the Tarkio, Missouri National High School Rodeo. From that point on it was full force with the idea of riding bulls. In order to get himself around the country to compete where ever he could, Don bought a 1958 Chevy in the fall of 1962. Little did he realize that the time he spent behind the wheel

of the '58 Chevy would become as precious to him as riding bulls. Pushing himself to get around the country to as many events as he could was high on his priority list. I am sure the time behind the wheel gave him some solitude to focus and figure out how he was going to ride a bull that may have been considered unrideable up to that point in time. Don rode and stayed on quite a few bulls that had that kind of pedigree. He also competed in bare backs, saddle broncs and steer wrestling. Anyone who has ever been to a rodeo knows none of these are ever easy. But Don persevered with pushing himself, gathering up a bunch of wins including the regional college All Round in 1966 and 1967 and National Bull Riding Champion in 1966 and 1968. Soon he was doing it all over the Midwest and winning on the weekends or summer when not in college.

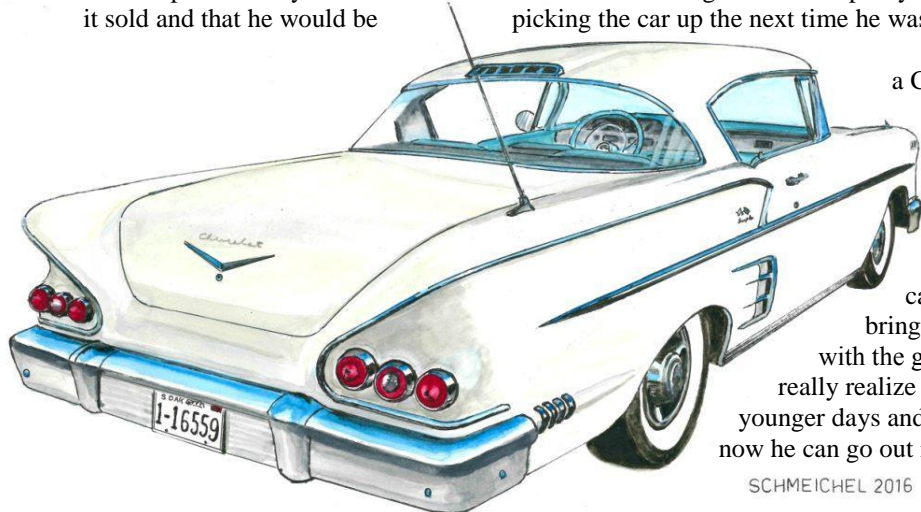
Kind of in the beginning of Don's rodeo career and while attending SDSU, he and his girlfriend "Pat" were married in 1967. She was very supportive of his rodeo career idea as it took them all over the Midwest, but I am sure they both realized a steady income was needed to help a family happen. So after Don graduated from SDSU in 1968, he began teaching vocational agriculture at Geddes, South Dakota. Teaching was very gratifying for Don, but he said he always liked uncertain challenges, which later led him to going to work for Land O'Lakes. Don still played around doing the rodeo thing for quite a few years, which led to other types of involvement in and around rodeo broadcasting. He sold his '58 Chevy in 1971 after putting 100,000 miles on it chasing around the country (get this) for \$100. Both Don and Pat felt they needed a newer car and forgot about the '58. Don being very driven by his job and liking challenges at Land O'Lakes, soon became their national account sales manager for calf milk replacer in 1982. Life was good and fast forward from that point on. Four children came along, and now six grandchildren are in the picture to take priority of Don and Pat's time today. Kids are very precious and are actually with us for a very short time, so it is understandable to want to share the time and watch them evolve into adults.

Over the years Don and Pat had reminisced about the '58, or maybe I should say Don did a little more than Pat did! Don admitted to me trying to trace his old '58 Chevy down years ago with where it wound up after the third or fourth owner and then lost the connection. Memories of the old Chevy taking him down the road always kind of haunted him and more so after realizing he had sold it for \$100. He regrettably told me the car was actually quite nice looking yet as it drove away and not thinking any more about it at the time. Because of that lost connection, Don decided to try to find another '58 Chevy. Don thought with being out on the road with new job, it might be easier to find one. The search seemed kind of fruitless for years until 1991 when he had a late overnight stay in Des Moines. He grabbed a local paper and headed to his room only to find pretty much what he was looking for advertised not too far away from his hotel. It was late so he opted to call the owner early in the morning. Don connected with the owner at 7:00 a.m., but he was going off to work telling Don the car was on the street for him to look at. Don was pleasantly surprised with first seeing the car as it appeared as a fresh restoration. Before leaving Don called Pat to get her approval. After talking to Pat, Don left a \$500 down payment with a note saying he would call back later after he got home. After Don called back, the owner explained it was his mother's car that they were restoring, but that she had passed away and he had lost interest. Don knowing the car was pretty much what he was looking for told him consider it sold and that he would be

picking the car up the next time he was in Des Moines.

After getting the car, Don had it checked out at a Chevy dealership in Des Moines for the trip home. All seemed quite sound mechanically, so the rest of the trip home was pure enjoyment.

The car had only 72,000 miles on it when they bought it and today with 106,000 actual miles on it and the only thing they have done to it is put new tires on it. The old 283, 2-barrel carb, power glide trans, with air conditioning car brings back old memories while creating new ones with the grandchildren. Don now at 71, told me he didn't really realize how good a rodeo/ bull rider he was in his younger days and is grateful he never really got hurt seriously, but now he can go out in the garage and touch a memory that got them there and back safely.



SCHMEICHEL 2016



Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

The Hollingsheads began as high school sweethearts. Sandy remembers, "Charlie and I actually met in the sixth grade. For years I was in the same grade as his brother but

that fall, I saw Charlie's name on the window." Charlie quips, "I always tell Sandy that I stayed in the same grade two years just 'cuz I knew she'd be coming there. Her dad ran a junkyard in Hudson and after school, I would help him so I would see her around there, too. Her dad was a guy that really taught me a lot about cars." Sandy and Charlie began dating in high school, married after school, and began their family. "We have two daughters. Dawn, the oldest, lives in Sioux Falls with her husband. She works as a supervisor for DakotAbilities, managing some folks in the City Hall snack bar. Jody and her husband, Brad, live near Harrisburg with their two daughters, Darien, 18, and Jace, 15."

Charlie grew up in Sioux Falls with several brothers and sisters. "In 1957 Mom moved all seven of us kids from eastern Iowa to Sioux Falls where I've lived ever since. After Sandy and I got married, I worked fifteen-and-a-half years as a mechanic for Sioux Empire, which was the Volkswagen dealership. When Billion-Toyota offered me a job with better pay, I jumped ship and have been a mechanic for them going on 32 years."

A stay-at-home mom until the girls started school, Sandy then went to work for Norwest Bank in the mail room. She later unloaded trailers and stocked shelves for Target for eight years. "When the grand daughters were born, I retired and took care of them while their parents worked. Now, since the girls are older, I've worked as a lunch E.A. for the preschoolers at Anne Sullivan. I've done that for ten years and love it. I have summers, weekends, and all of the holidays off."

Like Charlie, Sandy grew up in Sioux Falls but as an only child. "When I married Charley, I gained four brothers and two sisters." Sandy is an avid sports fan with an interest in everything from soccer to NASCAR. "I love watching all sports but especially my granddaughter's soccer games. Darien, the oldest granddaughter, will be going to SDSU next fall on a soccer scholarship. She plans on going into sports therapy."

While Sandy is tuned into NASCAR, Charlie is likely spending time in the garage. "I'm always in the garage tinkering with one thing or another." Sandy adds, "His garage is like a house. The only thing he doesn't have out there is a bed." No doubt his talents as a mechanic come in handy as Charlie purchased a Toyota Prius that needed some work and presented it to his much appreciative granddaughter for her sixteenth birthday. Sandy claims, though, that his skills breakdown on the home front sometimes. "When I mentioned that my car had a rattle, he suggested that I turn the radio up."

Married for 49 years in October, Charlie is described by his spouse as patient and understanding. He responds, "We've been together so long that I know what she's thinking and what I can get by with and she knows the same. Our kids couldn't have turned out better and I credit her for that."

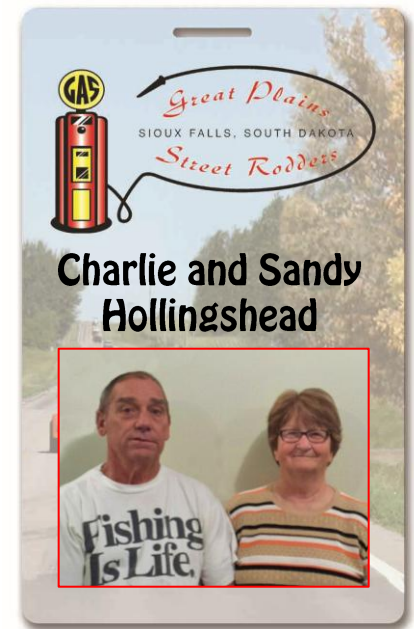
Leisure time is often spent with family, including taking the granddaughters out to breakfast as well as attending school activities. The Hollingsheads also enjoy car events and club activities. Sandy admits that occupying a seat in the casino tickles her fancy from time to time, but Charlie's slogan is "I'd rather be fishing."

"I like salmon fishing at Pierre. It took a few years for it to come back, but now they're here. I also enjoy salmon fishing in Alaska. Two years ago, my company sponsored a fishing trip up near Saskatchewan. We took a float plane to an area of the Pacific Ocean where we took a boat with a down rigger out and caught a ton of fish. Toyota-Billion paid for everything and we had a ball."

When asked what tops their bucket list, Sandy shares, "I'd like to take a trip on an airplane. I've never been on one." Not surprising, her husband has figured out a way to combine her wish with one of his own. "I'd love to get Sandy and my granddaughters on a fishing trip to Alaska. I think if they ever tried it, they would be as hooked as I am."

With an indulgent smile, Sandy is quick to agree. Apparently, love of family, love of sports, or both give Charlie's suggestion a definite appeal.

We hope their dream will be one day be a reality, but for now, we find the Hollingsheads to be good company and hope they find us to be, as well.



NSRA Inspector Resigns

Craig "Cooter" Leao has stepped down as NSRA state inspector for Eastern South Dakota. The national travel demands placed upon a volunteer to retain the title were just too great. We thank Cooter for all his years of service to us Eastern South Dakota hotrodders.

Renner Open House

The Annual Renner Garage Open House is still the first Saturday in May. So on May 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renner Garage, Renner, S.D. you may bring your hotrod and enjoy the time with other hotrodders. You won't get a sticker, but Cooter, Bob Schmeichel and Vern Jensen will be volunteer inspectors and they'll still follow NSRA Safety Inspection guidelines and their years of experience to help you have a safe season. The inspections are only advisory and not a legal clearance.

Schmeichel Declines Title

Bob Schmeichel recently declined the title of NSRA state inspector for Eastern South Dakota. The national travel demands placed upon a volunteers for the title are just too great. Bob shared that he's proud of the program and all possible accidents he and fellow inspectors alleviated. Bob is looking forward to future safety inspections regardless of the national association sticker.



Brookings Burger Run

Our Annual Nick's Burgers Cruise is April 23rd. Meet at the Flying J at 12:30 p.m. We'll leave for Brookings at 12:45 p.m. More details to come. Thank you, Butch Yesda, for organizing the Brookings Cruise again this year.



Valentines Synopsis

There were 80 members who enjoyed the Valentine's Party. Thank you party planners, Judy Horan, Ladell Mertons, Jean Knowlton, Sandy Gunderson and Betsey Petersen for organizing the evening, decorating and putting together the many door prizes. LifeScape's new catering manager did a great job with the food as there were plenty of leftovers. The entree's and those red velvet cupcakes were delicious.



Last Meet-n-Eat ?

We currently have one volunteer to coordinate the Off-Season schedule. This is a 30-week schedule of primarily recurring locations already set up. If we don't get an additional helper this long-time tradition will end forever this spring.

March Birthdays

(2nd half)

Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Linda Schuneman	19
Dick Gaddis	21
Mike Rohde	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Amanda Mullinix	24
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Dianna Martin	29
Rich Barnes	30
Clair Steiner	30
Scott Brady	31

April Birthdays

(1st half)

Debbie Yesda	4
Bill Osman	5
Steve Kirton	6
Keith Peterson	12
Junie Herschberger	15

March Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Mike and Karla Rohde	23
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April Anniversaries

(1st half)

Don and Betty Jones	2
Loren and Shirley Fick	4
Larry and Shirley Snuttjer	4
Ken and Vicky Levene	4
Ivan and Kathy Buskol	6
Emery and Carol Lee	12
Charlie and Teresa Dickman	13

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Membership Renewals

We're almost done with renewals. Thanks for your help. Send your dues to Great Plains Street Rodders, Jayne DeBoer, Treasurer, 1606 E. Northstar Lane, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Sorry to say, but we'll be deleting your email account from updates and information if you are not a current 2016 club member.

Hot Times in the Museum of American Speed



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.

Junior Stock to the Staging Lanes

This is one of my favorite photos from the drag races at Englishtown, NJ, back in 1967. Here are several "Junior Stock" Chevys lined up in the staging lanes prior to making a pass down the dragstrip. They are probably waiting to make a time trial, as opposed to eliminations where they would be racing each other. From front to rear, we see a '56 Chevy Bel Air 4-door Wagon, a '55 Chevy 2-door sedan, a '57 Chevy Sedan Delivery (with Bel Air trim added), and a '55 Chevy Sedan Delivery. I see that two of the cars are prepared by Jenkins Competition (perhaps the top Chevrolet performance shop ever). "Junior Stock" essentially refers to Stock class cars from A/Stock on down; and these shown are in lower classes yet, such as H/Stock and below. The stock classes were literally flooded with '55-'57 Chevys for several years; it was a great time to be Chevrolet fan!



TS Olsen photo
5-67



*Summer Cruisin' will be
here soon ☺*

Meet-n-Eat Schedule



- 3/23/16 Shenanigan's Pub**
1903 Tea Ellis Road, Sioux Falls
- 3/30/16 Crack'd Pot Restaurant**
1430 N. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls
- 4/06/16 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill**
2616 S. Louise Ave., Sioux Falls
- 4/13/16 Pizza Ranch, East 10th**
3809 E. 10th Street, Sioux Falls
- 4/20/16 VFW, (Burger Night)**
3601 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls
- 4/27/16 Shenanigan's Pub**
1903 Tea Ellis Road, Sioux Falls

Summer Cruise Schedule Starts up

- 5/04/16 (Tentative) Harris Burgers**
106 E. Willow Street, Harrisburg
- 5/11/16 (Tentative) Wendy's West 12th**
400 S. Lyons Ave., Street, Sioux Falls
- 5/18/16 Sonic / Northern Tool**
3910 West 34th Street, Sioux Fall
- 5/25/16 Lower Sherman Park**
805 S Kiwanis Ave, Sioux Falls
- 6/01/16 J&L Harley Davidson**
2601 West 60th Street, Sioux Falls

Flyers Emailed to the Great Plains Street Rodders

Papik Motors
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2016

Spring Rally & Car Show

Saturday, May 21
11am - 1:45pm

FREE inflatables for the kids!

Luverne Cruise at 1:45pm.

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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.

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Drivers - Refreshments - Burgers - Door Prizes

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