



Cruisin' News

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Buckle Up and Hang On

By Clay Seachris

President's message

The roads are dry, the temperature has been chilly, but many of us have got out the cruisers and started enjoying the sunshine. Yeah, it may be cold out, but still it's nice enough to get in your hotrod and tell your passenger to hang on. Dan Brady and many of the guys were just reflecting upon the first spring adrenaline rush that comes when mashing your foot on the hotrod accelerator pedal. To us street rodders it's a perfect reminder of spring. With so many car events and nice warm weather, we stay busy all summer and those things you miss all winter become routine.

As we transition again from relaxed winter meet-n-eaters to on-the-go summer cruisers, I reflect upon how blessed we are to have so many friends that make our winters just as much fun or maybe even more fun than our summers. The club is fortunate to have so many awesome people hosting parties, supporting each other emotionally, sharing ideas, working on each other's hotrods, organizing social gatherings, sharing time to participate, and sharing laughs and stories. I try to say it often, "Thank you for being Great Plains Street Rodders, you and your friendships make this club strong and fun."

Oh, and speaking of mashing the accelerator, keep in mind a safe cruising season. As club members, we represent each other and the positive side of our hobby. In the summer we also have a number of privately hosted events where the occasional smokie burnout is just part of the gathering. The picture below is Bones' way of saying, "See ya later," as he left on Norm Fey's private driveway. ☺

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First Impressions Always Stick

By Bob Schmeichel

My first fond memories of riding around in a car took place in early 50s Hudsons. My dad, Gary; my uncle, Henry; my uncle, Milton; my uncle, Roy; and my grandfather, August, all had Hudsons. Since we all lived on farms within a couple miles of each other, family get togethers happened quite often. And part of those times usually involved talking or bragging about Hudson cars or Allis Chalmers tractors when it came to conversation, which usually got loud with laughter. All of the adult men were gear heads in one way or another. One of my favorite things to do when riding in our Hudson was standing up on the back seat floor and hanging on to the rope that was behind each front seat back. This was way before seat belts were ever a thought and a young person then had to see where he was going. I remember my Uncle Henry taking six of us kids and my dad in his Hudson, in an attempt to go fishing one spring day. Little did we know it would rain all day as we ventured out with the excitement of fishing. Uncle Henry, eager to fish, stopped when we got there with it still raining and threw in a line as we all watched him through fogged-up windows. After a minute, he jumped back in the car soaking wet and said nothing was biting and it wasn't going to happen today. Kind of disappointed because of the rain, all six of us kids sat quietly scrunched together in the back seat to stay warm as the Hudson engine hummed its hypnotic tone back towards home. Being 67 today, I sometimes smile at the things I remember when I was 5 to 7 years old with times then seeming way more simple and innocent. Today within the Great Plains Street Rodders group, we grow with new friends and memories because of our vehicles again all while savoring the time in front of us. The talking, teasing, and bragging continues today within our car club family kind of as our parents did, but all in fun and with nothing taken very seriously when we get together.

About ten years ago Jason and Christina Jellis spotted an old car for sale while going through Madelia, Minnesota, on their way to the "Back to the 50's" event in St. Paul. After stopping, they found out the 1949 Hudson Club Coupe was already sold, but, because of its different body style that they both fell in love with, it was agreed they would have a Hudson some day. Years went by as a search now and then was done on eBay or any other car-for-sale ads that were posted. Then in the fall of 2013, a 1953 Hudson Hornet was found for sale in Missouri. After calling about the car, they found out it was owned and restored by the grandfather of the person they were talking to. His grandfather had passed away earlier from cancer, and neither his grandmother nor he had any interest in the car. As far as he knew, it was pretty much a restored and drivable car the last time he saw it in his grandfather's garage. After a few weeks of back and forth conversations with Jason's interest peaked, it was decided to make a trip to Missouri with his dad, Terry, to check the Hudson out. After getting there, they were both amazed at seeing the car in its restored state. Everything about the car looked like new along with many extra parts still in boxes yet to be installed. All the chrome was redone, which is a big expense, as well as nice new paint and interior. Most of the old receipts referring to the restoration were 14 years old showing when it was completed. Everything looked good, so everyone thought until the hood was opened. There was a towel over the engine and the head was off as well as the intake and exhaust manifolds leaving the top of the block and pistons exposed for who knows how long. Not letting this scare Jason or his dad, Terry, but liking everything else they saw that came with the car to complete it, a deal was made and the car loaded onto their car trailer.

Once the car was back in South Dakota, Jason and Terry jumped right into getting the car buttoned up with getting the engine back together. They both said there has been kind of a learning curve when it comes to Hudsons mechanically, but not too difficult as they found out when questioning other Hudson purists for help. People will help people that way when there is a common interest in a car. As it turned out, they put the head back on after checking it out and ordering gaskets. Jason mentioned that gaskets are not something you can go down to your local parts store and pull out of the warehouse. Most all engine parts are special ordered and finding out where to get them is half the fun of a challenge like this. They also installed a header along with a complete totally restored, looking-like-new-in-the-box Twin "H" set-up that came with the car. This was a Hudson option in those earlier years of an intake manifold with two carburetors on their bigger engines that allowed Hudson to win competitively in the early 1950s in NASCAR racing. They also changed everything over to 12 volts from the original 6 volt system, which makes everything about the car work easier and better. Once all the little things were completed that the previous owner had stopped at with during restoration, the real enjoyment began. Jason said he and Christina as well as their kids really love the ride of the Hudson as well as the great looks the car has, so much that Christina said she wouldn't mind having another Hudson someday. How about that!!





Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Jeff and Jean Knowlton may enjoy polishing their street rods but they're familiar with the term "apple polishing" as well. Including Jean, a retired teacher, there are four educators in the family. Jean shares, "Greg teaches science in middle school and his wife teaches art in elementary school. Grant, our other son, is married to Becky who teaches math in middle school." Grant chose not to follow in his mom's footsteps but works for IMCA (Investment Management Consultant Association), an organization that sets up seminars for investment management clientele. "Both boys live in the Denver area. Greg and his wife have two girls, Ada and Maria. Grant and his wife are expecting their first baby in July." Whenever possible, the Knowltons take the opportunity to visit their grandchildren. "We try to get out there at least three times a year. We usually go for the girls' birthdays and for holidays."

Originally from Luverne, Minnesota, Jeff moved to Sioux Falls with his family, which includes a brother and one sister. "I went to Lowell for sixth grade then up to the fourth floor of Washington High for one year while Patrick Henry was being built. I finished junior high at Patrick Henry and graduated from Washington. I went to Augustana and from there into the Army. I took basic training at Ft. Lewis in Washington, then went to Intelligence School out in Baltimore, Maryland." After school, Jeff's next assignment was as an instructor. He taught interrogation techniques and surveillance. After three years, he was discharged but before that married Jean.

Jean, too, grew up in Sioux Falls. She recalls, "I was an only child. There was just me and the neighborhood kids. I graduated from Washington and went to Augustana, as well. Jeff's major was in business, though, and mine in education so we didn't really know each other. My first teaching job was in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where I taught one year. Then, I came back to Sioux Falls and taught grade school at Laura Wilder, Laura B. Anderson and Harvey Dunn, taking a few years out as a stay-at-home mom." When asked how she and Jeff met, Jean continues, "I worked in the office for Jeff's stepdad and he was always trying to arrange a date for Jeff and me but I didn't know anything about it." Jeff adds, "He kept trying to get us together but I didn't want anything to do with anything he could come up with." Finally Jeff's stepdad's matchmaking efforts paid off as they both agreed to go to a play together. "The play was so bad," Jeff admits, "that we decided we'd better go out on another date." A few years later, in 1970, the Knowltons were married. Jean had to honor a teaching contract so she remained in Sioux Falls that fall and Jeff finished the last few months of his military stint.

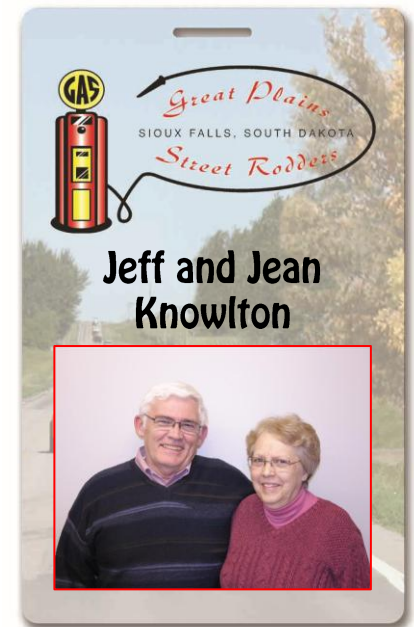
An industrious young man, Jeff began working in junior high, "I started working for Dakota Turf when I was thirteen and stayed with them for 31 years. I worked for Locke Auto Electric, then the State Department of Labor. We administered the TANF Program, which helped refugees and low-income families get employment. I retired from there and now work part time for Cliff Avenue Auto Parts for "fun money."

Both "calm and collected," the Knowlton's enjoy spending time together. They look forward to visits with their family, street rod events and some traveling. "We've been to Yellowstone but I would like to visit more national parks," says Jean. In addition to mutual pursuits, Jean likes reading, gardening and taking in a few garage sales. In his spare time, Jeff opts for trap shooting and hunting. "I hunt about everything, turkey in the spring, then ducks, deer, antelope, and

pheasants." Jeff also can be seen meandering at swap meets and gun shows.

Together for 46 years, Jeff describes their relationship this way, "We've been married so long that we can both finish the same sentence. We enjoy doing things together and agree on most things." Jean nods her head in assent, but we do wonder a bit. With his background in interrogation, his interest in guns and shooting, Jeff sounds like a tough hombre. Jean seems to be all right with her other half, though, so apparently, we can all relax. If Jeff is "packing," it probably just means that they're getting ready for a trip to Back to the Fifties, one of their favorite street rodding events. With sunshine and

warmer weather coming, we are looking forward to shedding jackets and cruising, some of us with convertible tops down. We'll see you in Minneapolis in June, Jeff and Jean, and hopefully, at lots of car events before then.



Sympathy Offered

We offer our thoughts and prayers to fellow member, Sandy Hollingshead and her family. Sandy's mother, Viola "Jean" Nelson, passed away April 3. The club sent a memorial to Sandy and Charlie on behalf of all their fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

To All Great Plains Street Rodders, thank you for the memorials, cards and kindness shown to me and my family with the loss of my mom. She will be greatly missed, but now is resting in peace. Sandy & Charlie Hollingshead

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to fellow member, Leonard Rhoades and his family. Leonard's mother, Alice Tracy, passed away April 1. The club sent a memorial to Leonard and Carla on behalf of all their fellow Street Rodders.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to fellow member, Suzie Aldrich and her family. Suzie's mother, Anita Lown, passed away April 6. The club sent a memorial to Suzie and Bruce on behalf of all their fellow Great Plains friends.

Lifescape Thank You

A HUGE Thank you to all for the amazing donations to LifeScape that made the Pancake Benefit a roaring success! We served a record 4,749 people pancakes! As you know, your efforts have made a huge difference in the lives of people we support! Peter Nord LifeScape Foundation

Brookings Burger Run

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

Renner Open House

The Annual Renner Garage Open House is still the first Saturday in May – May 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Renner, S.D., you may bring your hotrod and enjoy the time with other hotrodders. You won't get an NHRA sticker, but Cooter, Bob Schmeichel and Vern Jensen will do volunteer inspections with NSRA Safety Inspection guidelines. The inspections are only advisory and not a legal clearance.

Chili and Craft Beer

Great Plains Street Rodders Chili and Craft Beer Social is at Roger & Cheryl's, Metro Station, 906 E. Redwood Blvd. Brandon on Friday April, 22 at 6:00 p.m. The chili is provided. Please feel free to bring munchies or desserts. You may also bring a few bottles of your own specialty beer to share for tasting. Please RSVP to Gary Jorgenson, 310-1435, or Cheryl Van Noort, 582-6437, for the event.

Hotrod Prom Party

For April 30, the Harrisburg After Prom party is looking for a few classic cars. We'll hang out with lights on and maybe honking as the kids show up to enjoy their **"Route 66 After Prom"** themed party.

It's at North Middle School (92nd and Western). Show up at 10:30 p.m. to park and set up for the kids to show at 11:00 p.m. Those interested in bringing their hotrod, call Charlie Hollingshead, 254-2692.

April Birthdays

(2nd half)

Patt Anderson	16
Lana Kullander	16
Mike DeBoer	17
Judy Horan	17
Christina Jellis	18
Mark Bowers	20
Gary Jorgenson	21
Sandy Christians	22
Dianne Moore	22
Helen O'Keefe	22
Bob Van Noort	23
Larry Johnston	23
Betsy Petersen	24
Joyce Aurit	26
Sandy Peterson	26
Kent Reilly	27
Jackie Heemstra	28
Rhonda Kirton	29

May Birthdays

(1st half)

Bunny Brady	2
Bill Nelson	2
Cheryl Van Noort	5
James "Jim" Kuhle	6
Mave Sandberg	10
Sharon East	12
Julie Dunham	13

April Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Dean and Joyce Gough	17
Art and Bev Umland	20
Don and Helen Jensen	21
Les and Mary Ramstad	24
Derrick and Sarah Stokes	26
Don and LaDell Mertens	28

May Anniversaries

(1st half)

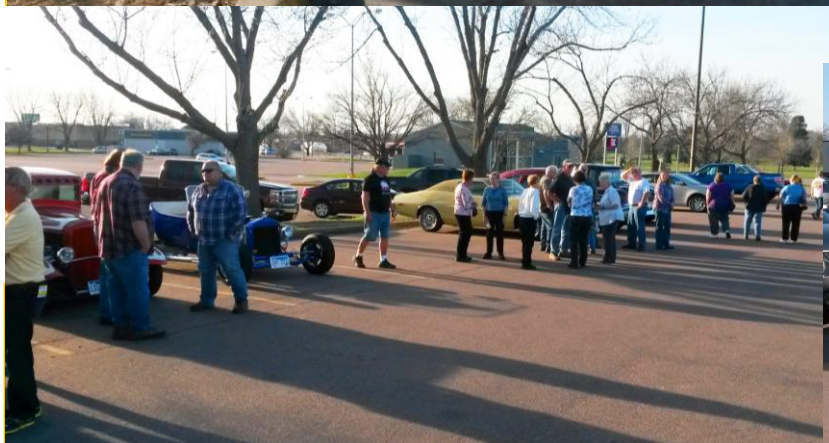
Kent and Terri Reilly	9
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Ladies' Brunch

A Ladies' May Day Brunch will be held at 10 a.m. on April 30 at Metro Station. Bring your favorite food dish to share and a "white elephant" gift to play a fun exchange game. RSVP to Cheryl Van Noort at 582-6437.



*No Matter the Date
If We're Cruising,
Summer is Here!!!*



*Wednesday Night Meet-n-Eat
April 13, 2016, Pizza Ranch*

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.

Hairbender Too

The 1968 Hemi-Barracuda "Hairbender Too" is a purpose built race car manufactured by Chrysler Corp. and Hurst Performance Research. Chrysler originally took orders for 50 Hemi-Darts and 50 Hemi-Barracudas; approximately 75 each were eventually built. These came equipped with the 426ci race Hemi engine, fiberglass fenders and hood, acid-dipped doors, plexi-glass windows, lightweight seats, and dozens of other performance and lightweight tricks. Originally, 60 were 4-speed equipped and 40 had the Torqueflite automatic transmission. The cars were built for racing in Super Stock/B, but the NHRA quickly upgraded them to the higher SS/A classification. This particular car was owned by Stewart's School of Hairstyling, here in Sioux Falls. Dick Hansen was the regular driver. (Dick is standing in front of the car in one photo.) The car, now owned by Randy Stewart, is still in town and shows up very rarely at area car shows. This is serious collector car material!



Travis Olsen enjoying his job. 😊



"File that under C.S." 😊

Meet-n-Eat and Summer Cruise Schedule



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| 4/27/16 | Shenanigan's Pub
1903 Tea Ellis Road, Sioux Falls | 06/08/16 | Terry Koch Race Shop
26846 469th Ave., Sioux Falls, SD |
| 5/04/16 | Harris Burgers
106 E. Willow Street, Harrisburg | 06/15/16 | Handy-Man Cruise Night
910 E. 10th Street, Sioux Falls, SD |
| 5/11/16 | Wendy's West 12th
400 S. Lyons Ave., Street, Sioux Falls | 06/22/16 | Children's Home Society, Root Beer Social
801 N. Sycamore Ave., Sioux Falls, SD |
| 5/18/16 | Sonic / Northern Tool
3910 W. 34 th Street, Sioux Fall | 06/29/16 | Cruise Night - Empire Pontiac host
Sherman Park, 805 S. Kiwanis Ave. |
| 5/25/16 | Lower Sherman Park
805 S. Kiwanis Ave., Sioux Falls | 07/06/16 | Jack Fox Park - Lincoln County Cruisers
225 N. Broadway, Canton, SD |
| 6/01/16 | J&L Harley Davidson
2601 W. 60 th Street, Sioux Falls | 07/13/16 | Falls Overlook Café & Hot Summer Nites
825 N. Weber, Sioux Falls, SD |

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.

***** NEW *** Cruise around Luverne added for 2016!**

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 800-834-7701. Note: Registration is FREE.

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

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Drivers - Refreshments - Burgers - Door Prizes

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FOR SALE – 1964 Galaxy 500 2dr Hardtop, all new interior, recent paint and restoration updates. Asking price is \$25,000. Call Mel Holmbeck for more info or make an offer. 361-2740, “Dorothy and I enjoy this Ford. I’m just looking for something different.” ☺



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