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### Blessed With Wonderful Friends

By Clay Seachris President's message

As I share cruising stories, once again I'm reminded how blessed we are to be part of a club made of such wonderful people. This summer we've had so many club members being gracious hosts, planners and helpers. Some memorable club host gatherings have been Koch's Cruise Night, Olsen's Cruise Night, the Brandon Cruise Night at Van Noorts' Metro Station and Rogers' North Forty, the Ladies Brunch, the Chili Social, and the Annual Poker Run. We've had cruise planners exploring options and had to cancel our Rock Rapids Cruise day as there's no longer a buffet facility to accommodate our group. Madison, Pipestone, Vermillion and Okoboji are still some options being tossed around. If you have a location in mind that can handle feeding us, let me know and we can put it together. The Route 66 cruise plan is coming together and that small group will be cruising for a week or so; let Ron Roe know if you're interested in joining them and seeing the sights.

The annual club Weinie Roast at Roe's is coming August 20. This is another memory-making event hosted by our very own Ron and Karen Roe. Their green space, firepit and shelters offer a perfect setting for a fun evening. The night is much more than just hotdogs as many bring potluck items to compliment a great meal. Kids of all ages enjoy making and eating s'mores. You may bring your hotrod that night, but don't feel it's necessary, just attend and enjoy. Let's try to park hotrods on the east side and down the middle. We can park daily drivers on the west side to allow the cool cars better sun for photo opportunities.



# Easing Into Retirement

By Bob Schmeichel

Quite often I smile realizing where I am at this point in my life with being retired and feeling like I'm still working as hard as when I was 40 some years younger. The thing that really hits me in the face is that doing something takes twice as long to do as I thought it should. That is caused because we become our own worst enemy with raising our standard and having to decide when it is good enough. I guess we just worked harder and pushed ourselves more when we were younger. My priorities now change by choice as I consider others in my life and on my own time instead of punching a time clock. Another profound thing I noticed is that many of us haven't ventured too far away from where we planted our feet when we



were young in our twenties. Jerry Miller, Lynn Kimball and I all worked at Duke Tufty Dodge at the same time in the mid 1970s. Jerry was a truck/auto mechanic, now a retired city police officer. I was the auto body painter, and Lynn was a bodyman in the same bodyshop all under the same roof. We all worked fast paced against the clock with what we did then while being friends, and after a few years eventually ventured off in our own directions to better our lives. Fast forward to today after 40 years, retirement and the love of cars has brought us all back together again in the Great Plains Street Rodders group with stronger friendships now than we had so long ago. Now we smile about the memories and the teasing and pointing starts all over again. If I had a chance, to go back, I don't think I would do anything different and still be OK with where I am at today even with the struggles in life that got me here.

As I was interviewing Lynn and Ann Kimball about their new 1972 MGB, I found that our lives were interesting and similar to get to this point in time. I think anyone who has been able to stay in the area, have a good career and get to retirement has been pretty lucky as I look back. The reason I say that is because South Dakota maintains a second from the bottom rating in the nation with minimum pay these days. Good paying jobs that can support a family are getting pretty scarce but all a parent can only wish and hope for is that our kids will do better than we did and have a happy meaningful life.

Lynn told me that he has always liked driving small cars and the feeling they gave him of being more in control and precise. He explained, "Too many big old cars kind of lumber along feeling like a boat in water." He and Ann had always talked about getting a smaller import car for fun but were reluctant to do so since they still had their last child in college. A few years went by with keeping their priorities in order and in the middle of remodeling their present house, they decided to take a day off and go check out the Automania car show in Brandon last year. It was something different to do, so for them it was a welcome distraction from remodeling. As they walked through the car show checking out the old cars, they spotted this 1972 MGB convertible that really stood out. The car was for sale at a reasonable price and in really nice shape as Lynn said, "With everything looking like it was new." But the main thing that really caught both their eyes first was the paint color and how it changed as they walked by, changing from a bright orange to a dark wine color depending where the sun was at the time. It has to be seen to understand how well it works on this little car. Lynn thought it was priced fairly, so they test drove it and soon owned it. Both Lynn and Ann smiled and laughed as they told me about a neighbor's comment when they first moved into their present house. He said, "Since they moved into a house where neighbors on each side of them had an old car convertible, they were required to have one too!" So I'm sure when they drove their new little

convertible home going by the neighbor who made it a requirement jokingly to live there, I think he may have been a little surprised to see Lynn and Ann waving, smiling and laughing as they went by into their driveway. Today all three cruise together whenever the urge comes up. Lynn has been tinkering around with the car

to improve everything and has hopes of putting an electronic ignition system on the car so it starts and runs better. Ann hasn't driven the car yet as she doesn't know how to drive a manual trans where a clutch and shifting are involved. Lynn told me he's going to take her to a big parking lot with lots of room and see if he can teach her how to drive this car so she can enjoy it more than just riding along as he drives. Every time they drive, no matter where they go, people are always honking and giving them thumbs up because of the color. What fun!! Lynn said he would like to take Ann and the car to the Black Hills and drive around with the top down. I told him get ready for a new experience when you do that, as it will feel like a whole different world without a roof over your head and heighten all your senses...

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Dave listened to your request at a Hardee's Cruise In and is inviting you to a special "\$15 One Day Entry". You can contact him for more details. 630-4874. Thanks Outkasts for the option to show our cars for the day and be entered for raffle items.

Kirby K. Wiese June 18, 1952-July 16, 2016

Join us to Celebrate Kirby's Life

Sat. August 20th,
American Legion Post 15
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Be our guest for lunch &
beverages.

Come Share Your Memories.





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#### 2016 Summer Cruise Schedule

We dedicate this cruise season in memory of Mary Underberg and his immortal hotrodding legacy

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISES, approximately 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Open to all car enthusiasts.

No Vendors or Peddlers are allowed at Siouxland Car Council Events

05/04/16 Harris Burgers

106 E. Willow St., Harrisburg, SD

05/11/16 Wendy's, West 12th

400 South Lyons Avenue, Sioux Falls SD

05/18/16 Sonic / Northern Tool

3910 West 34th Street, Sioux Falls

05/25/16 Lower Sherman Park - Potluck

805 S Kiwanis Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

06/01/16 J&L Harley Davidson

2601 West 60th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

06/08/16 Terry Koch Race Shop

26846 469th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

06/15/16 Handy-Man Cruise Night

910 E 10th St, Sioux Falls, SD

06/22/16 Children's Home Society, Root Beer Float Social

801 N Sycamore, Sioux Falls, SD

06/29/16 Cruise Night - Empire Pontiac Chapter host

Sherman Park, 805 S Kiwanis Ave

07/06/16 Jack Fox Park - Lincoln County Cruisers host

225 N Broadway, Canton, SD

07/13/16 Falls Overlook Café & Hot Summer Nites

825 N. Weber, Sioux Falls, SD

07/20/16 Wall Lake - Sioux Empire Ford Club host

Wall Lake Township

07/27/16 Riverdale Park - Potluck

2000 East 24th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

08/03/16 Poker Run - Great Plains Street Rodders

Start - Dan Dugan Park, 37th & Duluth

08/10/16 Olsen's Garage

2409 W. 85th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

08/17/16 Veteran's Hospital Car Show

2501 W 22nd St, Sioux Falls, SD

08/24/16 Bethany Meadows, Show-n-Shine

3008 E Aspen Blvd, Brandon, SD

08/31/16 Dakota Digital Cruise Night

4510 W. 61st St. N, Sioux Falls, SD

09/07/16 First Reformed Church

4800 S. Tomar Road, Sioux Falls, SD

09/14/16 Arby's, East 10<sup>th</sup>

2729 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD

09/21/16 Executive Touch / Subaru

Brand New Location, Sioux Falls, SD

09/28/16 NAPA Auto, Tea

27095 Katie Road, Tea, SD



# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wienie Roast at Ron and Karen Roe's Saturday, August 20.

Social starts at 5:00 p.m. Plan to eat around 6:15 p.m.

This is also potluck, 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.

\*\* 48282 Creekview Circle, Brandon\*\*



If you're interested, please contact Ron Roe at 605-332-4543. He's having a couple final meetings to determine who's going, exact dates for leaving and estimated times for seeing some of the United States' greatest wonders.

#### **Toker Run Results**

Our Great Plains Street Rodders Annual Poker Run was a hot one, but had good attendance.

We were glad to partner with the Quoin Bank Cyctsic Fibrosis fundraiser. Finishing there offered good food, more cars and allowed us to support a great cause. Congratulations to Lana Bowers for winning a new toaster. All proceeds from that raffle go to Children's Inn. The best hand and biggest payout went to Mike Paulson. Thank you Mike for passing along the win to Reese as she battles this disease. Second place was Charlie Hollingshead and then Gale Horan won 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!

## Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to fellow friend/member Sonja Lynch and all of John Lynch's family. Our friend and fellow street rodder, John Lynch, passed away on August 2.

Those of us who knew John truly admired him for his great personality, and then even more lately for his courageous battle with cancer. With all that he dealt with these last years, he still enjoyed cruising. He was able to own and drive many cars from his dreams. In fact his cars are from many of our dreams. The "Car Guy" legacy he leaves behind is a great one; for both the cars he owned and the personality he shared. He will be missed at our gatherings.

The club sent a memorial to Sonja on behalf of all of us Great Plains Street Rodders

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# August Birthdays

(2<sup>nd</sup> half)

Walt Stellingwerf	16
Dale Aurit	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
Shirley Cummings	28
Jeff Knowlton	29
Mike Tlustos	29

# September Birthdays

(1st half)

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

# August Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Ron and Karen Roe

23

September Anniversaries
(1st half)
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3

Dave and Mave Sandberg	3
Kevin and Cheri Kappenman	6
Bill and Pat Fatland	7
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

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# Thotographs 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.

#### **Scott's Handy Wagon**

My friend, Scott Barhite, bought this nice 1957 Chevy 150 two-door "Handyman" wagon in 1969, shortly before I came home from my service in the Army. Upon moving back to Sioux Falls, I built a nice, mild 283 engine for the car, and it was Scott's daily driver. We also used the wagon as the tow-car for my Chevelle when we were racing it in 1970-71. It served us well on many trips to Thunder Valley Dragways as well as Cornhusker Raceway in Omaha. Scott later sold the car to another good friend, Denny Flynn, who drove the car for the next few years while living in Omaha. Whether wearing white wheels or dressed up in Cragars, it was a nice, solid wagon that served a variety of friends well. It was sold in Omaha in the mid-1970s, never to be seen by us again...

