



Cruisin' News

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Preparing for a Happy New Year

By Clay Seachris

President's message

As our new year rolls out, it brings new social gatherings, cruising plans, schedules and ideas for a fun summer. The entire summer cruise schedule is almost finalized, most of our cruise stops are recurring and we have some new places, also. On behalf of all the members, thank you to all the businesses and private hosts who've agreed to be part of our hobby again this year. Also, thank you to all the fellow clubs and participants at the Siouxland Car Council planning sessions. I'm always proud of how many Great Plains Street Rodders attend planning meetings, coordinate with businesses, host nights and contribute to the success of our summer cruising. There's a lot of planning involved in our summer schedule. Some of the things considered for cruise scheduling are dates, locations, parking considerations, traffic flow, prior history, competing venues and average weather. All Siouxland Car Council meetings are open to club members, and we're always looking for additional member input and helpers during the scheduling sessions.

The club is also preparing for 2014. Thank you for allowing me to be your president for another year. As I've said for years, I could not and would not do it without your friendship and support. And again, I'm so thankful for our experienced officers who were retained for another year, also. Their dedication, support and skills make my job easier and more enjoyable. I rely upon Bob Schmeichel's club experience often, and Jayne DeBoer's accounting skills, membership and budget management, and personality are huge assets. Marilyn Haper is also a great person to rely upon for help. Having an experienced Meet-n-Eat committee is reassuring, also – thank you Gary and Audrey Jorgenson, Terry and Sandy Peterson, and Tyler Swanger. And for socials, I can't forget our special party coordinators Maritta Husman, Judy Horan, LaDell Mertsons and Jayne DeBoer. We're lucky to have an experienced website manager, Derrick Stokes. Then there's the Roe's, Hanson's, Van Noort's, Paulson's who host and coordinate events. Sorry for forgetting others; this group has so many great volunteers and active participants who continue to make us a growing, thriving car club. Susan and I are fortunate to have such wonderful friends. I look forward to another year sharing my passion for cars, making new friends and having fun with all of you.

As always, for online newsletters, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com. ☺



The Agreement

By Bob Schmeichel

When someone back in the early 1900s decided to put a box on the back end on a vehicle, they probably didn't realize how much that would change the world. Over the last 100 years that idea of a pickup has grown in so many directions, that today, it is common place to see equal amounts of pickups as cars in any part of the world. Besides pickups evolving into the modern day work horse, they might have been used to learn to drive with, giving young people the fun experience with a different feel than a car and the independence to drive anywhere. Or, who hasn't ridden in the back of a pickup box when they were younger and experienced the big, open sky above you on a warm summer afternoon. The reasons or attractions have always been there. As the newer pickups are evolving today, manufactures are equipping them with as much horse power for speed as today's muscle cars and the interiors are as fancy as luxury cars with all the same bells and whistles to match. It is no wonder that pickups have become a choice for people to have and use every day for whatever reason or need.

In 2010, Doug and Laurie Van Noort were at a point in their lives where they decided it would be fun to have an older car. It had to be something they could work on and cruise around in. Doug and his brother, Roger, decided to go to St. Paul that same year to an event called "Back to the 50's" to see what was for sale. With an average of 12,000 vehicles participating at this event and many for sale, the probability of finding the right ride for Doug and Laurie was pretty high. After two days of walking around and taking numerous pictures that Doug emailed to Laurie, they found out they couldn't agree on what to buy. Laurie was more into muscle cars and Doug was into earlier 1951 to 1955 Chevy cars. On the third day, brother, Roger, spotted a 1955 Chevy pickup for sale that he pointed out to Doug. They walked over to it only to find a telephone number and a price but not the owner. Doug took some more pictures and sent them to Laurie. Doug then called Laurie and an agreement was finally made that this is what they were looking for as a fun project and priced right for both of them. So with that blessing, Doug later found the owner and made a down payment to hold the truck till he came back the following weekend with a cashier's check in hand to finish the deal.

Driving the truck home, they found out it was a pretty solidly built hot rod truck with a newer 350 Chevy engine and a 350 trans along with a Pontiac rear end. It was painted turquoise with a grey tweed interior and had a Nova sub frame. Doug said he had got the background story from the previous owner saying the truck was used for drag racing with a 502 Chevy in it earlier in life before what it is today. That explained the tilt front end that exposed the entire engine compartment and the fuel cell in the box that the truck came with. Doug, by himself, installed a newer sound system right away once at home, but after about a year, they both decided they wanted to make the truck truly their own with new visual outward appearance changes. So in September of 2011, they took their pickup to Executive Touch for a complete makeover that turned it into one gorgeous ride. The transition took all of nine months starting with stripping the turquoise paint color and changing it to the new Shelby Blue color it is today along with a new, black leather interior. Other refinements included a new radiator, heater and air conditioning, a tilt column, Dakota Digital gauges, a new gas tank, and a new slicked-out wood floor in the box. Although Doug and Laurie have a few little things they want to do to the truck yet, cruising in their totally new ride has made it uniquely fun for of attention where ever they go or stop.

a group of us last summer to the Moines, and their new, old truck while gleaming in the sun the people, there is no better way down a road in an old vehicle new memories to reminisce Pictures are taken and memory fade!!



them getting more than their share
Doug and Laurie traveled with
Good Guys event in Des
performed flawlessly
whole trip. To car
to have fun than going
with a group creating
about later in life.
included for later

SCHMEICHEL 2014

Sympathy Offered

Mike Tlustos' father, Harlan, passed away December 5. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike, Jean and their family. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

To all the Great Plains Street Rodders. Thank you for the memorial, thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. Harlan's favorites were '36 Fords. He drove one while courting my mother in the late 40's. Sincerely, Mike and Jean Tlustos and family

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to fellow member Ken Bagley. Ken's wife, Marie, passed away December 20. The club has sent a memorial on behalf of all Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

For all the kindness, sympathy and friendship you have shown, I thank you very much. Ken Bagley

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gale and Judy Horan and their family. Gale's mother, Marian Horan, passed away December 28. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards at this very sad time in our lives. Your expressions of sympathy are sincerely appreciated. My mother was always a happy person who loved everyone, and they loved her. She will be missed. Gale and Judy Horan, and family of Marian Horan

Membership Dues

GPSR membership follows the calendar year, so get your renewal fee to our treasurer, Jayne DeBoer. You may send your renewal to Great Plains Street Rodders, Jayne DeBoer, treasurer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Annual dues are still \$20 per couple and \$10 for a single membership.

Your membership fees pay for this newsletter printing cost, our website and email, memorials, expenses incurred at parties like Valentine's, Christmas, and the Weinie Roast. Fees also cover the Children's Home Society free Root Beer Social and toys for the kids.

Thank you for renewing early so officers may get tracking and accounting chores finished. We appreciate, treasurer Jayne, she compiles an annual balance sheet viewable upon member request.



Much Appreciation

Susan and I really appreciated the thank you gift presented to us at the Christmas Party. It was totally unexpected, touching and emotional for me to accept. At the party, while addressing the group, I didn't comprehend the magnitude of your gift. If I'd have noticed, I would have been too emotional to continue. I grew up with the value that family and close friends do things to help each other without expecting anything in return. Susan and I are so fortunate to be surrounded by friends with similar values. With much appreciation, Clay and Susan Seachris

January Birthdays

(2nd half)

Randy Ludwig	16
Bev Umland	19
Carlotta McKittrick	20
LaDell Mertens	21
Doreen Wiese	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Steve Carlson	26
Dave Sandberg	26
Butch Yesda	29
Nancy Jellis	31

February Birthdays

(1st half)

Derrick Stokes	1
Don Jones	2
Judy Cain	4
Don Riechert	9
Darwin Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Faye Gallagher	12
Reed Peterson	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14

January Anniversaries

(2nd half)

February Anniversaries

(1st half)

Roger and Cheryl Van Noort	3
Larry and Janet Gannon	11
Terry and Sandy Peterson	11
Ron and Donna Jellis	15

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Ice Breaker Party,

The Annual Ice Breaker Party is Friday, January 17, at Mike and Lori Paulson's, 900 N. Menlo.

Social starts at 5:30 p.m. We'll eat about 6:30 p.m. Potluck and bring your own beverage. The contest this year will be "Bibs." Please use your imagination. Prizes will go out to the ugliest and the cutest. Contest participation is optional. Hope to see you there.

A Great Plains Christmas





Missing Our Summer Toys





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.



Howard's '57-'61 Corvette

Here's an interesting car for you to consider, this was Howard Goehring's Corvette that most folks referred to as "Howard's '57-'61." Back in the early 1960s Howard had a '61 Corvette that had caught on fire and burned up the front end of the car. The power train and the car to the rear of the passenger compartment were salvageable. So what did Howard do? He came up with a wrecked '57 Corvette that was crashed in the rear and salvaged the front end components from that car. He then grafted the '57 Corvette front end components onto the existing '61 Corvette; ending up with a pretty nice looking '57-'61 Corvette. Howard worked at Pierre's Body Shop for years and later owned Howards Corvettes in Tea, SD. The black and white photos are supplied by Howard, that's him on the right in the photo with three guys in it. The color photo was taken at Park Ridge Texaco, formerly on the southeast corner of 26th Street and Western Avenue.



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

Every October, Great Plains Street Rodders transition to a supper social club. Hot rods optional. Please join us. Many of these gatherings have special group rates. Guests are welcome. We are a family-oriented club, we encourage the next generation, so children are also always welcome to all our events.

Jan. 15 – The Cracker Barrel
2409 S. Shirley Ave., SF

Jan. 22 – Denny's at Flying J
Exit 83, I-29, SF

Jan. 29 – Rookies Bar & Grill
2616 S. Louise Ave., SF

Feb. 5 – Pizza Ranch – East 10th
3809 E. 10th Street, SF

Feb. 12 – Valentine's Party
Royal Fork, Private Room

Feb. 19 – Hy-Vee Deli - Sycamore
1601 S. Sycamore, SF

Feb. 26 – Roll'n Pin Restaurant
3015 W. Russell Street, SF

Mar. 5 – The Other Place
901 W. 41st Street, SF

Mar. 12 – Buffalo Wild Wings
2601 S. Louise Ave., SF

Mar. 19 – Pizza Ranch East 10th
3809 E. 10th Street, SF

Mar. 26 – VFW
3601 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

Apr. 2 – Crack'd Pot
1430 N. Minnesota Ave., SF

Apr. 9 – Denny's at Flying J
Exit 83, I-29, SF

Apr. 16 – Acoustic
196 E. 6th Street, SF

Apr. 23 – Hibachi Supreme Buffet
1100 West 41st Street, SF,

Apr. 30 – 2014 Cruises Begin

Spencer Garage Tour

The Old Iron Company car club invites you to join them Saturday, February 15 for their Annual Spencer Garage Tour. More details will be shared later.

Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – 1967 Chevy C10
454 Big Block, 700R4, 12 Bolt
Rear-end, Tubbed, Chopped,
Shaved, 4 Wheel Power Disc
Brakes, Tilt Box, Boxed Frame,
Power Windows, For More
Information Please Call 366-4883



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with one or two 10' x 12' upper
decks, electricity, insulated, fire-
proof, insulated floors. Also large
50' x 36' spaces available. Outside
storage available. Surrounded by
Security fence. Call Dale Aurit
334-5005 or 212-5949

FOR SALE – 1970 Buick GS 350
Skylark, Rebuilt 350, auto, posi.
Bench seat and interior very good
shape. Very straight body, small rust
through lower right front fender and
trunk. Needs headliner and heater
core with box. Drives very well with
super rubber and correct Buick
wheels, trim and bumpers excellent.
\$6,750 Eric Anderson, Spirit Lake,
Iowa 712-380-4969



FOR SALE – 1957 Cushman
Eagle, Restored to original. 8 HP,
If interested call Keith Schmuck
507-227-1430.

Recipe

Creamy Crock Pot Mashed Potatoes

From the kitchen of Audrey Jorgenson

5 lbs. Yukon gold or russet potatoes, peeled & cubed	2 tsp. Lawry seasoned salt
1 stick of butter, cut into cubes	1 tsp. black pepper
½ tsp. minced garlic	8 oz. cream cheese, cut into cubes
1 ½ cups chicken broth	1/3 cup sour cream
	1/3 cup heavy cream

Dump potatoes, chicken broth, butter and garlic in Crock Pot. Cook on high for 4 1/2 hours. Mash while in Crock Pot. Add Lawry's seasoned salt, pepper, sour cream, cream cheese and cream. Mix well.

When heating up leftovers, add a little more cream at that time.

FOR SALE – 1967 Buick Riviera
GS. Good running 430, console
auto and posi. Floors good, as is
trim and bumpers. Headlights even
rotate. Body very straight, interior
buckets vinyl cracked and brittle.
Missing drivers door panel. No
room, no time. \$950 Eric Anderson,
Spirit Lake, Iowa 712-380-4969



FOR SALE – 1933 Plymouth
Beautiful California Originated
Hotrod, 350/350, Light Tan
Leather Interior, Mustang Front
Suspension, Street Ready, Call
Eric Anderson (712) 380-4969



FOR SALE – Chevy 350 ci
Goodwrench Engine only about
20,000 miles \$500 Call Doug
605-351-5599

FOR SALE – 1981 Rolls Royce
Silver Spur, 79K mi, Lt. Blue color
with Navy interior. Well-kept and
maintained, always garaged and
covered. Neat and clean. Never
driven on snow. Looks and drives
great. No accidents. Non-smoker.
\$18,000, Candy N. 605-376-6252

FOR SALE – 1989 Buick Reatta,
3800 with auto, 106,000 miles on
this good runner- just drove it from
Princeton, MN (240 miles) with no
problems. Good rubber, trunk
looks like new, interior a wee bit
faded. Headliner needs to be
reglued (sagging) and needs a
muffler. Right wiper arm bent. No
room for winter. \$1,500 Eric
Anderson, 712-380-4969



FOR SALE – Shop Equipment,
Parts Washer, Sioux Valve
Grinding Machine, Sioux Valve
Seat Grinder, R12 AC Reclaimer,
R134 Air-conditioning Reclaimer,
A.C. Manifold Gauges, A.C.
Vacuum Pump, Baer Wheel
Balancer (spin on car), Metal
Shaper, Niehoff Cabinets, Sunnen
Rod Reconditioning Machine,
Auto Repair Manuals. 351-5599

FOR SALE – 1998 Corvette Coupe, White, Firethorn Red Interior, LS1 motor, Automatic transmission, Z06 Chrome Wheels, Michelin Pilot run-flat tires (4,000 miles), ceramic brake pads (4,000 miles), new battery last month, transmission fluid & filter just changed, Transparent roof, Fully loaded, window sticker was \$43,769 new. Have build sheet, window sticker & dealer info packet. This vehicle has won many Corvette Shows in its class. Babied & pampered, very tight & reliable Corvette. At highway speeds 26 to 30 mpg. \$19,500, OBO Contact: Bill Kullander 605 366-1158 or kullbill@sio.midco.net



FOR SALE – 1951 8BA Flathead with a Fordomatic transmission runs very nice. Call me, thanks Don Hood 605-261-4655.

FOR SALE – Four New Tires 600 x 16 wide white FORD script Don Hood, 605-261-4655

FOR SALE – 1947 Chevy 2-Door Sedan, All original, Stored inside for years, Very Solid hotrod project. Glenn Walker 336-7070

FOR SALE – 4L60E Transmission 1994 Chevy, Completely rebuilt, \$650, Call Doug 351-5599

FOR SALE – 1947 Blue Ford Club Coupe, 302 Ford balanced motor with a B&M 144, Pro-Charger, AOD Ford transmission, Ford 9" rear-end with Richmond 3:55gears, A/C and heat, P.S., louvered and flamed hood, painless wiring, stance is right, fast, reliable, tight Coupe. \$32,500. Contact Bill Kullander 605-366-1158 kullbill@sio.midco.net



WANTED –Flywheel Pan for 700R4 transmission (Chevy) need the metal pan for under flywheel, torque converter area. Along with **Stock dipstick tube & dipstick.** Tom Olsen 759-6567

WANTED –Water Pump Pulley double groove for an F E block. Ken Levene 366-1698

FOR SALE – Five 14 x 5 GM Steel Wheels, 4 3/4" bolt pattern. Clean, driver quality wheels off a garaged, original Chevy survivor that had little to no winter driving. \$50, OBO. John: (605) 334-2558



WANTED – Old Carter WCFB Carburetor (4-barrell) as used on many Chevrolets from 1955 into the 1960's. I'm trying to get a few gathered up so I can get 2 good ones built from 3 or 4 "parts" carbs. I'm not hung up on any numbers matching on these, so please contact me with what you may have laying around. Tom Olsen 759-6567



February 7-9, 2014
Sioux Falls Convention Center
 FRIDAY: 5:00pm to 10:00pm
 SATURDAY: 10:00am to 9:00pm
 SUNDAY: 10:00am to 4:00pm

ADMISSION: \$9.00 for adults - Weekend passes available for \$15.
 Profits go to Cure Kids Cancer
 Children 12 and under **FREE!** if accompanied by adult.
 No Entry Fee for Participants

Peyton List will sign autographs, Saturday, 1:00-4:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm
"Peyton List is a TV star on the ever popular Disney Channel's show *Jessie*. She also starred in the movie *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, acted in *Spider-man 2*, and *27 Dresses*. We are honored to have such a talent as Peyton List at our show to help raise awareness for Cure Kids Cancer!"

Register your car now:
winterfestofwheels.com, email to registration@winterfestofwheels.com
 or WOW Productions, 605-231-3100, 26646 461st Ave, Hartford, SD 57033