



Cruisin' News

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Street Rodders Lend a Hand

By Clay Seachris

President's message

When it comes to lending a hand, we're handy when someone's car is sitting on the side of the road. The mechanical knowledge is a benefit as we cruise together. That lend-a-hand attitude is prevalent at other times. During the summer we make a person's day with our cool cars. On a hot summer evening we serve ice cream at Children's Home Society. And then during the winter, many of us do our own things to lend a hand. For years we've pooled our resources to support the Children's Inn.

Once again to kick-off the Christmas season for us street rodders, we had an emotional morning at the Children's Inn. The beautiful, sunny morning started at Driveline Service with delicious rolls baked by Lori Paulson and Betty Heidebrink. Santa showed up in his 1948 Chevy truck, made a grand entrance and handed out treats to all the street rodders. We enjoyed the fellowship there and combined all our individual charitable supplies into the back of Paulson's 1949 Chevy truck.

At Children's Inn, Sandy Jones gave a brief facility presentation and shared a "letter to Santa" from one of the young residents. His wish list included a few toys, fake money, real money and "all the food you got." There were a few teary-eyed people as Sandy shared stories about the families they assist. It really touches hearts and makes you grateful for all we are blessed with. Children's Inn truly appreciates all the food, toys and supplies we donated.

The highlight of the morning was watching the children come in to meet Santa and his elf. Santa and Elf Bob had stockings for the young ones and gift cards for the moms. As Sandy mentioned in her presentation, there were some big personalities that were not bashful and showed their excitement when they entered the room to visit Santa.

Thank you to Terry (Santa) and Nancy Jellis and Bob and Sandy Schmeichel for putting together the stockings. Thank you to Lori and Mike Paulson to for hosting us at Driveline Service. Thank you to Betty Heidebrink for helping make rolls. And, thank to all our fellow Great Plains Street Rodders for donating supplies and your time. We are so fortunate to be friends with so many kind, generous people.

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



Santa Terry and Elf Bob playing at the Children's Inn.



Mike and Lori's truck is full of donated items for Children's Inn.

Intrigued From Early On

By Bob Schmeichel

From my era, most young kids growing up on a farm worked harder and learned faster about things put in front of them in the country than city kids. I learned to drive at 10 years of age, barely seeing over the steering wheel. Besides doing everyday assigned chores, hunting, fishing, building things, and mechanical abilities almost came naturally.

When it came to repairing some piece of machinery to keep it going, you were usually right there beside your dad learning or figuring it out by yourself, how something came apart, what was wrong, and how it went back together. I remember my mother telling me about myself taking a bird house apart at 3 years of age, so I could see what was inside. It is funny how we remember what we did when we were young and how we used what we learned as we became adults. For some of us, it became a progression into life as we did what was passionate to us enabling us to make a living doing what we considered fun. And many times over the years I have heard people say, "If you love what you are doing for work, then it's not work at all." I think we all know that is not always true, but hopefully the good outweighs the bad to make all worthwhile.

Rick Petersen is one of those guys who loved the challenges of doing mechanical repair work at a young age and over the years has evolved into a well versed auto mechanic in all directions. One of his first major jobs was working for the maintenance department as a mechanic at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Quite often the value of a job like this is under rated because everything is being taken care of on a daily basis behind the scenes and away from the public eye. Many people do not realize how quickly any business would fail in any aspect if it did not have people like Rick working, keeping it going 24/7. Twelve years into his job at USD, Rick saw an opportunity working with the Department of Transportation and improving his income. Before that could happen, Rick attended Southeast Area VoTec while working full time yet and earned a degree in Applied Science in Civil Engineering. This effort got him into a different and better position that was a good move for him. It evolved into planning out and following through with future work done on roads, ditches and bridges that carried him to retirement.

As Rick's decided retirement date neared, both he and his wife, Betsy, thought it would be fun to have a classic car to work on and drive once he got there. They both sifted and searched through the paper ads religiously as well as online advertisements seeing a few cars that grabbed their interest, yet nothing leaving an impression that they really could get serious about. Rick was hoping to find '49 Mercury or a '55 Chevy. After weeks of chasing down and checking out leads on other makes of cars that weren't what Rick was looking for, both Rick and Betsy decided to hold off for a few days before they made a decision about getting something different. Doing this was on their side and two days later a 1955 Chevy was found advertised for sale south of Canton. Rick said as soon as he turned into the long driveway of the farm where the car was located, the '55 Chevy with its new paint job lit up and glowed in the sun. After a short test drive and an agreed upon price, they were taking the '55 home with them.

Rick said they have had the car for about three years now and have enjoyed every minute of both working on the car and driving it. Even the grandkids who lovingly nicknamed the old Chevy "Ruby" can't wait to go for rides whenever they can. Because Rick has always been a mechanic with a make-it-last attitude and wanting to make the car his own, he started in the front installing disc brakes with a matching dual master cylinder. Then he replaced the 327 that came in the car with a new HO 350 crate engine and at the same time installed a new Saginaw 4-speed transmission. After that he freshened up all the rear end innards along with adding 3.08 posi., and finished up underneath with installing new rear springs and shocks all around. He also changed out the wheels the car came with for new old-school Cragar SS chrome 5-spoke mag wheels, as they were the hot wheels to have back in the 60s and still look good today. He said someone keyed the passenger side of the '55 paint job last summer. (I would have a hard time not taking someone's head off if I saw them keying any car.) About

two weeks after that a rear tire blew out causing more paint damage on the passenger side. He has since then had all that fixed and is back on the road driving the '55 and smiling again. Rick said he would like to redo the interior to update it and change the 4-speed to a 5-speed to slow the engine down a bit for better mileage. Time will tell, but knowing Rick it won't be long.



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Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

One is more outgoing (we know which one) and the other more reserved, but this couple appears to be the perfect match. Not so, in the beginning, recalls Terry Peterson. "We both went to Nettleton College. Sandy's desk was right next to the door of the workroom. I thought, 'Boy, I'd sure like to take her out.'" Apparently, the attraction wasn't mutual. Sandy admits, "He would try to sit next to me during breaks and I'd go out the door." "When I asked her to the Sweetheart Dance, she turned me down." The love-struck student persevered, however, and his alluring, but elusive classmate finally consented to be his date for the dance. They've been happily married for almost 48 years.

An only child, Sandy grew up in Alcester, S.D., where her father owned a hardware store. "I helped in the store when I got older. My friend's folks owned the grocery store and we'd get together on Saturday nights since both businesses were open late." After graduation, Sandy took a secretarial course at Nettleton, worked first, as a teller for Western Bank, then, in the bookkeeping department.

An only child, as well, Terry grew up and attended school in Sioux Falls. His father believed in a strong work ethic so Terry was setting bowling pins for Augustana when he was 10. As a teenager, he worked for Sunshine, eventually becoming a produce and grocery manager. He joined the Army National Guard just before he was married and served as a truck and tank crew chief and staff sergeant for nine years.

In 1972, the Petersons moved to Sioux City where Terry traveled as a salesman for the Johnson Wax Company for five years. Later, they moved back to Sioux Falls and Terry worked out of a home office for 29 years. Sandy served as his "right-hand man" during that time, handling the phones and setting up merchandise in the stores. These were busy and challenging years for the Petersons as they were responsible for both sets of aging parents as well as bringing up their two daughters, Kristi, a flight attendant who lives with her husband and daughter in Las Vegas and, Kim, a former radiology technician who lives in Sioux Falls with her husband, an anesthetist for Avera, a son, Mitchel, 16, and daughter, Miah, 13. Their Las Vegas granddaughter, Kylie, 15, looks forward to staying with them for a month each summer while she attends Camp Teepeetonka.

In addition, to tending a large perennial garden, the Petersons enjoy wine tasting, hosting a couple of wine tasting tours each year. "We walk four miles every day," Sandy adds. "We're really faithful. We walk outside in the summer, and now, out at the mall." When they're not cruising, they like flying the friendly skies. One of the fantastic perks of having their daughter as a flight attendant is that they can travel, space available, anywhere in the world at little or no cost. They've taken several trips abroad, including 9 trips to Hawaii. "We plan to do a lot more traveling in the future."

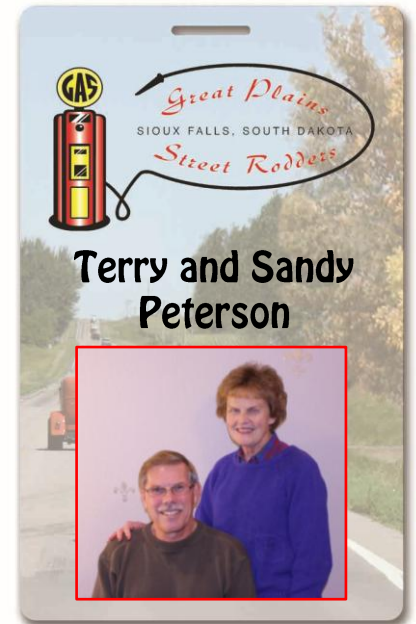


The Peterson's ride for street-rodding events is their '72 Charger. Terry's dad was a salesman for Duke-Tufty for 47 years so when Terry became interested in buying a new car, he approached his dad's boss, a long-time friend. "Give me a deal." He was able to purchase the Dodge Charger for \$100 over cost and has owned it ever since.

Both the Petersons enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. They help out with transporting and attend the grandkids' events including Mitch's swimming meets. A fit and energetic grandparent, Terry has been actively involved in scouting with Mitch, who at 14 is an eagle scout. "I've done a lot of camping with the scouts. A couple of summers ago, we went on a High Adventure sailboat trip down the Missouri River. The scoutmaster took half the kids on his sailboat and I took the other half on the 'trainer.' It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot about sailboats." It was not an exercise for the

fainthearted. The scouts had to anchor 200 feet out because of the fin. Setting up camp each evening, they had to swim back and forth regardless of the temperature until they had all their gear on shore.

The Petersons spend Christmas with their family, but then leave the next day for San Padre Island, Texas, where they walk on the beach and sip coffee on their deck, only yards from the ocean. So, soon, we will say, "Adios, Amigos." See you in the spring when the snow melts and the rods get fired up.



Christmas Party Fun

There were 94 members at the Christmas Party. A good meal was followed by camaraderie and gift stealing. Garage art and stud finders (well, sort of) were the hot gift items for the men. Popular gifts for the women ranged from birdhouses "for heart-shaped birds" to candles. Although there was a lot of stealing, all friendship remained intact.

Faye Gallagher's handmade ornaments made the evening special. Many got photo nametags from Mark Bowers. LaDell and Don Mertons, Maritta and Ron Husman, and Judy and Gale Horan took care of the setup. Gale picked up the all the drinks and Judy's homemade table lantern were great. Betsy Petersen took photos. Thank you to Miller Funeral Home for providing the beverages. Thank you to the Christmas Committee and to all those in attendance.

Thank You

Thank you for the gift card you gave to us at the Christmas Party. Wow, it was so unexpected. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. We've said this many times, but we are so grateful to have such a wonderful group of friends. Clay and Susan Seachris

A Talented Lady

At the Christmas Party, Faye Gallagher gave out ornaments and cards. Faye said she was using one of her artistic skills from when she was an activities director. Art is just one of her many talents.



Membership Dues

Your Great Plains Street Rodder 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.



**Thank you Jayne DeBoer, Treasurer
We appreciate all you do.**

Ice Breaker Party

You're Invited to the annual Ice Breaker Garage Party - Potluck Social, Friday, January 16 at Mike and Lori Paulson's garage, 900 N. Menlo. The Social starts at 5:30 p.m. and we'll eat about 6:30 p.m. It's potluck and bring your own beverage. Off-street parking at the Terrace Park Pool parking lot (north of the bathhouse) across from their home on Menlo Avenue.

Heartland Nationals

(Good-Guys rod and Custom Association)

There's a group headed to Des Moines, July 2-5. Discount if you register before December 31.

December Birthdays

(2nd half)

Barb Schriever	17
Terri Reilly	19
Helen Jensen	21
Marie Rogers	21
Roger Corkill	24
Ellen Van Noort	30
Chris Johnson	31

January Birthdays

(1st half)

Tyler Swanger	1
Larry Gannon	3
Ike Wiese	5
Jean Tlustos	10
Ron Husman	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
John Lynch	15

December Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Mark and Lana Bowers	19
Glenn and Cathy Walker	19
Eric and Patt Anderson	20
Bill and Lana Kullander	20
Owen and Carlotta McKittrick	28

January Anniversaries

(1st half)

Steve and Helene Carlson	3
Ike and Doreen Wiese	12

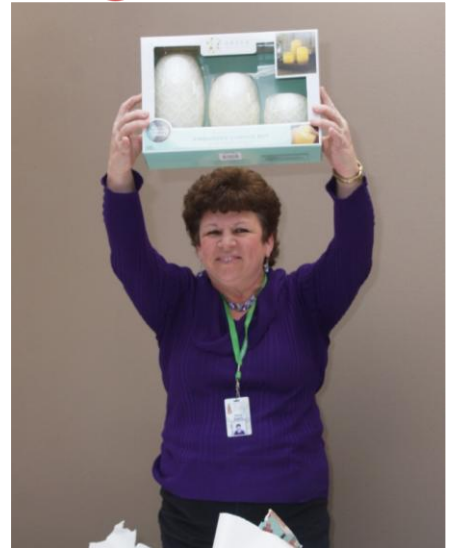
Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Speed Museum Tour

Our Annual Lincoln Nebraska Trip is March 7 and 8. As usual we tour the Museum of American Speed and many attend the Manginelli Swap Meet. There're also many shopping opportunities for the guys and gals. You may do as much or as little as you like with the group. We're taking over Super 8 again, (402-467-4488), mention Lori Paulson/Great Plains Street Rodders for our group discount.

Christmas Party Merriment



Nancy Jellis opens a birdhouse for heart-shaped birds. Mike DeBoer doesn't get to keep his sign. Marie Rogers opens a popular gift of candles.



Jerry Miller gets a stud finder or maybe it's a multimeter. Jean Knowlton kept getting her gifts stolen. Jayne DeBoer with a snowman cookie jar.



Mark Bowers tells a few jokes and provides commentary. Sandy Schmeichel goes shopping...or stealing. Did Bob Van Noort get to keep the gas pump?



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.



Nov - 66

That Car Looked Funny

This is Charlie Jacob's 1966 Chevelle, an early version of a "funny" car. You have to study the photos a bit, but if you do, you will note that the rear wheels are several inches (8"-10") forward from where they would normally be, and the front wheels are forward from their original position as well. In the mid 1960s, drag racers in certain classes began altering the wheelbase of the car by moving the wheels forward in order to place more weight over the rear wheels; thus providing more traction. Early on these were referred to as "altered wheelbase" models, later this evolved into the term funny car." (Story has it that spectators noted the car looked "funny," hence the term "funny car.")

Charlie was a hardcore Chevy guy and raced a variety of Chevys through the 1960s and well into the '70s. He was always a strong competitor and H & H Chevrolet out of Omaha was his normal sponsor. The car was powered by a big block Chevy with a 4-speed and the latest in go-fast goodies. At the time of the photos, the car was for sale for \$5,000; that would be a nice barn-find today!

Recipe

Holiday Fudge

From the kitchen of Lori Hendricks (Susan's sister)

- 2 packages (8 squares each) Baker's semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 ½ cups chopped walnuts

Microwave chocolate and milk on high for 2-3 minutes. Stir halfway through heating time. Continue to heat until chocolate is almost melted. Take out and stir until chocolate is melted. Then stir in vanilla and walnuts. Spread into a foil-lined 8x8 inch pan. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Cut into squares.

Merry Christmas





Meet-n-Eat Schedule

12/17/14 Woody's
900 S. Marion Road, Sioux Falls

12/24/14 Christmas Eve
No Official Social

12/31/14 New Year's Eve
No Official Social

1/7/15 Sneaky's Chicken
4211 W. 12th Street. Sioux Falls

1/14/15 The Cracker Barrel
2409 S. Shirley Avenue, SF

1/21/15 Tailgators (Private Room)
1013 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon

1/28/15 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill
2616 S. Louise Avenue, SF

2/4/15 Pizza Ranch, E. 10th (Private Room)
3809 E. 10th Street, SF

More Charitable Morning Snapshots



Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)



WANTED – Pair of 1933-34 trunk-lid hinges. Call Jim Kuhle, 366-3840

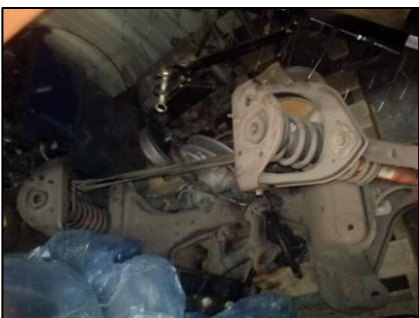
WANTED –Ford FE block engine. 352, 390, etc. prefer complete motor running, or not, but not a basket case, good block, and heads. Call Ken Levene 605-366-1698.

WANTED – Two 15" X 7" Chevrolet steel wheels. (Not rally wheels) 5 x 4 3/4" standard Chevy bolt pattern. Call Tom Olsen 759-6567

FOR SALE – 1940 Lincoln Zephyr 4 dr. sedan, reliable fuel injected Chevy motor, 700R4 trans., A/C, Tilt wheel, wide white radials. Great road car. Black color with brown mohair interior. Asking \$17,500. Larry Snuttjer 605-351-5385, lsnuttjer@gmail.com.



FOR SALE – 1995 Camaro Sub-frame and front suspension, spindle to spindle, calipers struts sway bar \$100. Sean Ahlers 261-9409



February 13-15, 2015

Sioux Falls Convention Center

FRIDAY: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Profits go to Cure Kids Cancer

2015 celebrity is Stefanie Scott, a famous American actress and singer. Scott is best known for her roles as Lexi Reed on Disney Channel's A.N.T. Farm, Dana Tressler in the feature film Flipped, for which she won a 2011 Young Artist Award, and in No Strings Attached as Young Emma.

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



FOR SALE – Picnic Tables

I make them in different sizes. Cost depends on size. Inquire to Rick Petersen, 605-201-6073

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. \$34,800. Contact Bill Kullander 605-366-1158 kullbill@sio.midco.net



FOR SALE – 1963 Pontiac

Bonneville Convertible, overhauled good interior \$4500, Steve Ollerich 940-4227



FOR SALE – SBC Chevy Intakes, Edelbrock Torker II intake manifold \$30. Old style SBC Holley Street Dominator intake manifold \$15. need this all gone... Text or call me 605-261-9409 thanks Sean Ahlers

FOR SALE – Five wheels, four tires for 92-96 Ford F-150 pick-up / Bronco, Tires are six ply Michelin 34x10.50X 15. Rims are 15", five hole, 5 1/2, 7 wide. All for \$250. Jerry Miller 605-368-2418.



FOR SALE – One wheel and tire for a snowmobile trailer, Tire is 205- 65-10 and has never been on the ground. The rim is 5 hole, 5 1/4 bolt circle Titan brand that is 10 dia. And 6 wide. \$50.00 or best offer. Jerry Miller at 605-368-2418

