



Cruisin' News

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Actions Answer, “What Now?”

By Clay Seachris

President's message

When the snow flies, the weather gets too cold and the streets are messy, we ask ourselves, “What now?” And, then with our actions, we answer that question with a number of indoor social events and Wednesday evening meet-n-eats. The only real social change is that we move our activities inside.

We just enjoyed a Halloween and Wine Tasting party hosted by Roger and Cheryl Van Noort. There were about 70 street rodders dressed in various costumes enjoying the evening together. The costumes were as creative and diverse as our summer hotrods. The potluck food was awesome and there were many wines to try.

The Wednesday “meet-n-eats” have had good attendance and we’ve enjoyed a wide variety of foods and locations. The VFW evening was a big hit again as we had around seventy attend that “Burger Night.” If you missed it, don’t worry, we’re back there December 3. We’ve also enjoyed an economical variety at Hy-Vee Deli.

The Charitable Morning and Christmas Party are the next big events on December 6. We spend the morning together dropping off items at the Children’s Inn. Then enjoy the evening with a nice meal and gift exchange at LifeScope. See our website or ask members for further details on this day. Many of us keep an eye on the clearance sections all year round to find gifts for the children at Children’s Inn and fellow members at the Christmas Party. Party planning is well underway and we need a couple more people on the Christmas Party decorating committee, so let me know if you’re interested. Meal tickets will be sold in advance to determine numbers for catering.

As mentioned, attendance at the Wednesday Meet-n-Eats has been high. However, if we haven’t seen you lately, we’re missing you. We have a number of new members becoming veterans quickly through fellowship around the dinner table. We’re so blessed to surround ourselves with such a great group of friends.

For a color copy of the newsletter, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



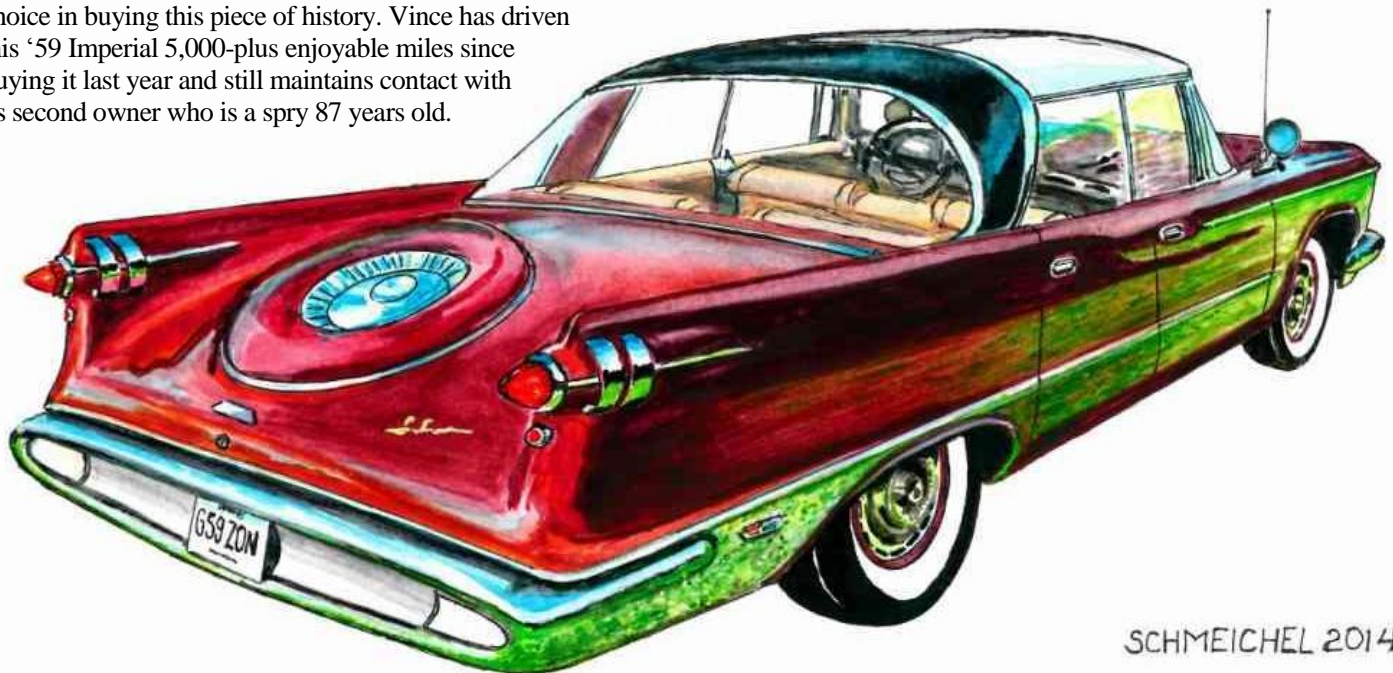
Roger and Cheryl Van Noort “clowning around” in their Nash Metropolitan at the Halloween and Wine Tasting Party.

Becoming Extinct

By Bob Schmeichel

Over the years, proven theories have shown that after an asteroid hit Earth millions of years ago, a shroud of dust covered a large majority of Earth in the atmosphere. Because of this heavy shading of dust that lasted for years, the weather changed and Earth cooled. Plant life ceased to exist and most really big land dinosaurs died off leaving only fossil remains of what once was. You are probably wondering what this has to do with cars. Well, maybe nothing and maybe everything at the same time the way things evolve and disappear as time goes on. In the late 50s and early 60s, the Big Three automakers (GM, Ford and Chrysler) were trying to make an impact in this country with creating new models of their cars. Many of the certain model divisions within each of the Big Three automakers were trying to break away and create their own identity building a more blitzed-up (fancier model) and a larger size wise than the competitors version. Lincoln was trying to break away from Mercury and the Ford division. Imperial was trying to do the same within the Chrysler division. Larger, longer, heavier with fancy leather interiors all done with the intent to make a person riding in one of these cars feel like they were at home sitting in their favorite sofa. And for those of you who have never ridden in one of these cars from that era, they do make you feel like you are riding on air compared to today's cars. The outside styling of these cars tried to go in a spaceship or futuristic sort of direction with their fins, tail lights imitating jet engine fire, headlights, lots of chrome both front and back, accented by loads of stainless steel trim on the sides to draw attention to the lines of the cars. Doing this made the cars identifiable from blocks away, which was the main idea for the directions automakers went when they were designing. Pushing this identity picture created big, expensive cars in this timeframe that not too many could afford. So, consequently as it turned out, these big cars with their high costs, with rising gas prices, as with the dinosaurs, are disappearing in favor of smaller more efficient models today.

In 2013, while looking through an auction advertisement that was happening in Wakonda, Vince Jones noticed a 1959 Imperial that was coming up for sale. Because of growing up and working in his dad's Chrysler dealership, Vince had an instant allure to this old Chrysler knowing how rare they are becoming. So the day of the auction, Vince got himself there earlier to check this '59 Imperial LeBaron to see what it really was. As it turned out, this 19-foot-long piece of history with 104,000 miles on it was pleasantly quite nice and original yet, based on what he remembered of the cars from then. It was totally complete with quite a few options from the year that included the 413 engine, a push button 727 Torque Flite transmission, like-new mauve interior, power windows, tinted glass all around, air conditioning, stereo radio, power steering and power brakes. The outside of the car is what really sets it off from others. Besides the designed styled rear end and the rear tail fins with the speared tail lights, the back half of the black vinyl top is widow peaked half ways forward with the rest of the roof being brushed stainless steel. That with the dark maroon color the car was painted, made it a standoff from that era that Vince wasn't going to walk away from. Once the car was on the auction block, Vince stood back and watched as the bidding began and waited 'til it slowed, then jumped in towards the end with the winning bid. After the bidding was done, the second owner approached Vince and proceeded to tell him the history of the car back to its beginning. After hearing the whole story and having most all the original paper work pertaining to the car since it was new, Vince knew he had made the right choice in buying this piece of history. Vince has driven this '59 Imperial 5,000-plus enjoyable miles since buying it last year and still maintains contact with its second owner who is a spry 87 years old.



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Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

"He's very loyal, always there when I need him," Carla Rhoades describes her husband of 35 years, Leonard.

A loyal husband and loyal Husker fan, Leonard hails from Taylor, a small town in the Sandhills of Nebraska located 150 miles south of Winner, S.D. Leonard started out as a farm boy, but moved with his parents and sisters to town about the time he began school. "My dad was a mechanic, my mother, a bus driver," Leo shares. After Leonard graduated high school, he worked several jobs including road construction as a heavy equipment operator, the Quaker Manufacturing Company, very briefly, and a feed company where he sold livestock feed to the Hutterites. For the past 34 years, he has worked for Matheson Linweld delivering welding supplies to customers, then in sales. Recent members to the car club, Leonard informs us that it was from his dad that he acquired his '49 Chevy. "Dad bought it from a guy, kept it for a number of years, sold it, bought it back, then parked it in the farm yard. Dad always had a lot of cars. A few years ago, he told me to pick out one. I paid \$200 for it so my sisters wouldn't feel slighted." Now, a much-improved version, Leonard says that his dad would like to have the Chevy back. Leonard built a detached garage so he would have someplace to park it but has difficulty finding the time to work on it. "It's never done. We've had our place four years and I'm still working on getting everything organized." Other than working on his street rod, he enjoys golfing, hunting and attending Husker football games.

Kind, helpful, and according to her husband, understanding 95 percent of the time, Carla is a native South Dakota gal. "I grew up on a farm five miles north of Chancellor. I have one brother and two sisters and I was the tomboy." Carla graduated from Lennox High School in 1973, then lived in Nebraska for awhile. She came back to South Dakota and became an employee of Midland National Life where she worked in the treasury department for 10 years. She and Leonard married in 1979, and, later, Carla became a stay-at-home mom caring for their son, now a counselor for Volunteers of America in Sioux Falls, and a daughter, a funeral director in Minneapolis.

Nowadays, Carla cleans houses for other people in the mornings but still finds plenty of time for her two grandchildren, Jonas, 6, and Stella, 3, who live in the Sioux Falls area. Her true passion, though, is gardening. "I love yard work and gardening," Carla states with real enthusiasm. "I'd spend all day gardening if I could."

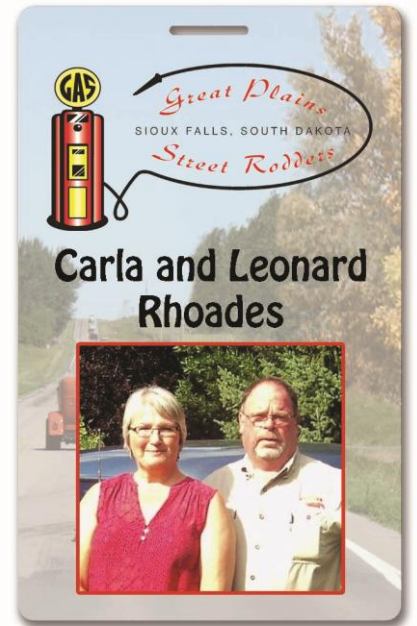
One street-rodding event that the Rhoades enjoy is the Black Hills Rod Run. "It's smaller, more personal, and not so busy," says Leonard. Carla's brother lives out in the Hills, so that gives them an opportunity to visit him, as well. Another event that they try to attend regularly is the Back to the Fifties car show. Their daughter, Brittany, lives close to the fairgrounds so they stay with her. Carla adds that recently, she "was made to go" to the motorcycle rally out in Sturgis. Not bikers themselves, they followed friends out to the Hills who are. Carla reports, "It turned out being a lot more fun than I expected."

One really memorable trip was to the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Speedway. They were able to visit the pit

crew and ask for autographs from the well-known drivers – Richard Childress, Rick Hendricks, Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon and others. "It was really interesting," recalls Carla. "You could go inside where there was a pond and a museum. You could see the cars that had won with NASCAR and Indy." Leonard adds, "You can't believe how big the track is until you walk around the outside of it. We did a lot of walking."

On his bucket list, Leonard would like to take a balloon ride over the Grand Canyon. "You're doing that by yourself," Carla quips with a grin

Judging by Carla's friendly smile and Leonard's easy banter, they enjoy being part of the car club. We like having them as well.



Thanks Party Hosts

Thank you to Roger and Cheryl Van Noort for hosting another awesome Wine Tasting Party. This year's Halloween theme was a lot of fun. Metro Station offers a nice space and the addition of all the food from attendees made the evening great.



Car Council Operations

You're invited to the next planning meeting, November 20, Pizza Ranch, 2717 W. 41st St., meeting at 7 p.m., social at 6:30 p.m. The council is compiling details for 2015 cruises and discussing a gift to Children's Inn to be included in the Charitable Morning on December 6.

Charitable Morning



Bring your charitable items December 6; 9:00 a.m. at Driveline Service. Mike and Lori Paulson host a morning social of rolls, juice and coffee. Santa Claus dropped off an outfit, so helper Terry Jellis will take his place for the 10:00 a.m. visit at Children's Inn.



Annual Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party is December 6 at LifeScope's Conference Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for the social and dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by a night of laughs. LifeScope is the caterer and we'll have meal tickets available for \$12 per person. Every year, we sell advance meal tickets so the caterer knows our total attendance.

To play in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped, gender-specific gift that costs around \$15. If you're not familiar with the gift exchange game, after drawing numbers, the first person opens a gift. Then the second person can steal the gift the first person opened or open a new gift. A little friendly gift stealing makes the game fun.



Club Shirts Available

There are currently numerous club logo shirts available. Due to screen-print quantities and overstock cost, we don't order very often and don't keep an inventory. Popular sizes may go fast. There are pink sweatshirts, grey unisex T-shirts, women's pink T-shirts, and grey long sleeve shirts. They'll be available on Wednesday nights and at the Christmas Party.

Children's Inn Wish Lists

Go to chssd.org and see the "Wish Lists" for ideas on what to bring to the Children's Inn on the "Charitable Morning."

November Birthdays

(2nd half)

Kristine Shaffer	16
Maritta Husman	18
Dan Larson	20
Don Mertens	21
Doug Van Noort	22
Josie Bowers	24
Keith Schmuck	29
Jane Sletten	29

December Birthdays

(1st half)

Paul Rollinger	1
Carol Peterson	1
Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Ron Friedbauer	6
Lana Bowers	7
Gary Ebright	11
Pamela Peterson	12
Vince Jones	13
Verlyn Ramse	13
Dorothy Holmbeck	13
Cathy Walker	13

November Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Denny and Betty Heidebrink	16
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December Anniversaries

(1st half)

Morris and Beth Fick	1
Clair and Sally Steiner	1

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Club Nametags

Please wear your nametag to the Christmas Party. For those who don't have one yet, Mark Bowers will be set up to take membership photos and print your nametag at the party. Nametags look like the "Behind the Wheel" photo. They clip to your shirt or can be clipped on a lanyard. We tend to forget them most of the time, but they are especially nice to have at our larger gatherings: Christmas Party, Weinie Roast, Ice Breaker, wine tastings, picnics etc.

Sunset Cruising...and Relaxing



Bruce and Suzi Aldrich's '57 Studebaker Hawk at the VFW.



Friends enjoying the day at the Watertown Rod Run.



Jack and Dianne cruising in their '39 Chevy at Watertown.



Ron Haven's '70 El Camino along with other cool cars at VFW Burger Night.



Just some of the cars and crowd of Great Plains Street Rodders enjoying the evening at the 2014 Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown.



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.



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One Owner, Low Mileage

Dave Decker bought this 1966 Corvette Sting Ray new in 1966. He went to an area dealer to buy a "Silver Pearl" roadster that he knew they had in stock but, while there, he discovered that they had this identically equipped coupe in stock as well. After much thought, this 300hp, 327 ci, 4-speed coupe with black interior won out, and Dave drove it home. Here it has a set of "ET Mags" installed and the front bumper has been removed, as was popular in the day. Prior to this Corvette, Dave had a red '63 "Fuelie" Sting Ray coupe, which he bought new and drove 1,800 miles in three years. Dave drove this '66 model a lot more, it racked up 2,000 miles in three years!

That beautiful 1964 Chevelle in the background was a red, 300hp, 327ci, 4-speed model belonging to Bob Hughes. Bob's cars were always meticulously clean and detailed throughout; I don't think anyone ever saw this car dirty!

I took this photo on the property that is now the Hardees at 37th and Minnesota.

Recipe

Favorite Chicken Salad

From the kitchen of Judy Horan

Serves 10

1 package of small macaroni rings, cooked and drained
3 cups of cooked, cooled and cubed chicken
1 cup of shredded carrots
1 cup of diced celery
1 Tbl. chopped onion
1/2 cup of sliced radishes
1/4 cup of chopped green pepper
1/2 cup of sliced stuffed green olives

Mix all together and add dressing of :
1 1/2 cups of real mayo (like Hellmans)
1/3 cup of sugar
1/4 cup of lemon juice
1/2 Tbl. salt

May make ahead, chill well. Serve on a lettuce leaf and enjoy with crackers.



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

- 11/26/14 Hy-Vee Deli – Minnesota**
3000 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls
- 12/03/14 VFW**
3601 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls
- 12/06/14 Christmas Party at LifeScape**
4100 S. Western Ave., Sioux Falls
- 12/10/14 Buffalo Wild Wings – Louise Ave.**
2601 S. Louise Ave., Sioux Falls

- 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

Special Events

Dec. 6 – Charitable Morning – Children's Inn

- 9:00 – Social hour at Driveline Service
(Western and Burnside)
Mike and Lori Paulson host rolls, juice and coffee.
Bring items from Children's Inn's "Wish List"
- 10:00 – Unload at Children's Inn with Santa Claus to
deliver your charitable gifts and supplies.

Dec. 6 – Christmas Party – LifeScape (formerly SD Achieve)

- 4100 S. Western Ave.
4:30 – Social Begins
5:30 –Catered Dinner (advance tickets for catering count)
6:30 – Gift Exchange Game
*Please bring your "Featured Car Painting" for display.
Tickets will be on sale at Wednesday socials starting
November 19, or call Maritta Husman at (605) 359-3484
to purchase your ticket. Meal tickets cost \$12 per person.*

Halloween High Jinks



Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)



FOR SALE – "Early Style"
NHRA Division 5 Decals,
Leftover from my '56 Chevy
wagon project. These are
obsolete, so I had 10 made from
a pristine example I had. \$6.00
each, Tom Olsen 759-6567



FOR SALE – **1950 Studebaker
Champion sedan and 1961
Ford Thunderbird hardtop**.
Both strong #3 cars. For more
info Brian at 952-808-0424 or
email bg4given@gmail.com



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, lsuttjer@gmail.com.



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



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

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

