



Cruisin' News

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Reflection and Anticipation

By Clay Seachris

President's message

This past summer held a feeling of newness like we're building so much more. We seem to be receiving more recognition for our hobby and how social we are. It felt as though the club gained prominence in the community and even around the Midwest – people seem to know our club. Our membership grew more than ever this summer. It's been a positive as most new members joined from a referral of existing friends in our group. Even though we've gotten larger, we still have that same bond. We continue to share interests and have members willing to organize events and find activities for us to enjoy together no matter the weather. Every fall when the cars are set aside, we come up with fun things to do together. These fun things allow us to experience new things that we maybe wouldn't try without a friend by our side. Some events already planned are a Wine Tasting Halloween Party on October 24 at Metro Station and our annual morning visit to Children's Inn and evening Christmas Party on December 6.

This time every fall I also enjoy looking around the room at gatherings to see members who joined just a few short months earlier and they are enjoying all their new-found friends. Last summer, new and long-time friends supported each other on long cruises and everyday issues were eased with help and support from good friends. This group of car enthusiasts continues to be the most humble bunch of great friends anyone could ever surround themselves with.

As the weather turns cold, you may leave the hotrod at home and continue the laughs. The Meet-n-Eat Committee members, Gary and Audrey Jorgenson and Terry and Sandy Peterson, do a great job coordinating a variety of gathering places. You all have great ideas, so please continue to share your input and experiences.

Please let me know if you'd like to help plan and decorate for Christmas and Valentines parties. So far, Judy Horan has volunteered to help on this year's Christmas and Valentines Parties Committee.

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



A Josie Bowers' picture as the group cruised Loess Hills Scenic Byway. Check out our website to see more.

Respect Her Likes

By Bob Schmeichel

I can't honestly say that women in general very rarely have more than a passing by interest in anything involving four wheels and rolls. Usually at a car show around this part of the country, if you sit back and really watch, you will notice that most women if they are there with their boyfriends or husbands will show some interest with some part of a car while walking by it. Whether it be paint color or interior, and/or once in a great while, the actual vehicle itself maybe within their expressed liking. They will point out whatever they like for a few seconds to their significant other in a passing sort of way, to see if they have similar interests pertaining to what they are looking at. If there are kids along, mom is primarily taking care of their needs and everyone is tagging along with dad as he uses up a portion of the day looking at cars or trucks. Quite often you will see dad by himself and his kids at this type of outing, and in order to keep the kids attention, may try to pass an interest along by pointing out something he likes and/or shows the kids something they didn't know about a car or truck making it kind of a history lesson. I always hear the saying take a kid to a car show. This can be entertaining for everyone if attention is given both ways for this to be fun and meaningful considering cell phones can be a major distraction with both young and older kids these days. If it is late in the day for a family before the walk about is ventured out on to view everything, and the kids are losing interest, there always seems to be a rush at a fast pace to get by everything at least one time, which means dad didn't get much out of the car show before the cars start leaving. I like car shows and have seen all kinds of people interaction over the last 45 years, and yet it is the people you see and visit with that make it a more fun social event than the actual car show itself. It's neat to see vehicles restored to better-than-new-car looks, but from my stand point, it's the new friends you gather up along the way with this non-stop car hobby that keeps everyone feeling young as kids again.

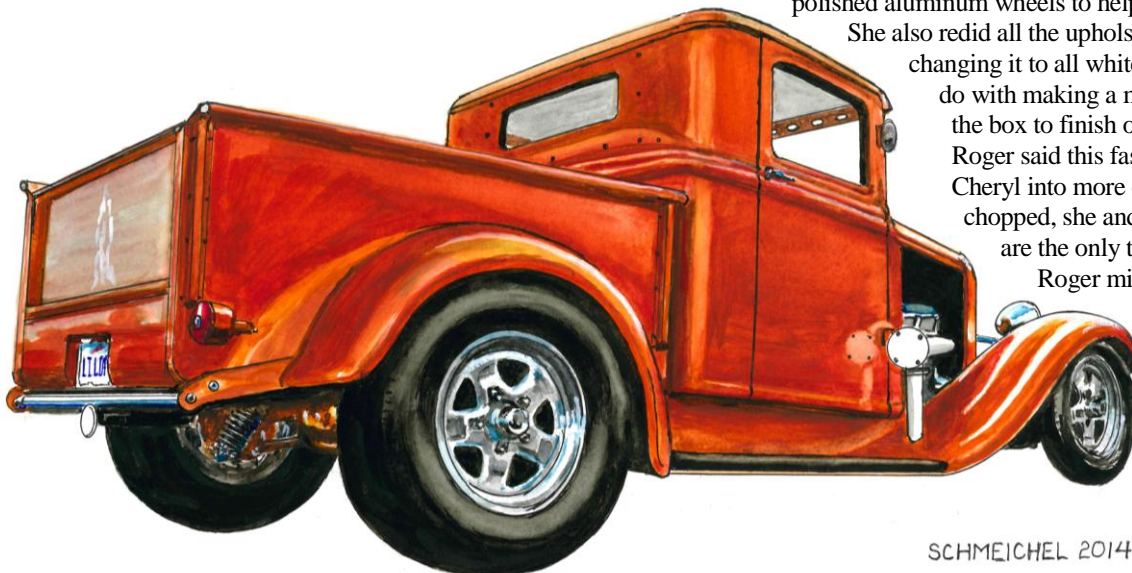
Roger and Cheryl Van Noort are both car lovers and like to drive each of their own cars when they go to events together. After Roger had his '35 Chevy for awhile, and Cheryl being a car person herself, Cheryl decided she wanted to have her own little car to drive. And literally, little was her first car when she finally got around to buying it. A completely restored 1956 Nash Metropolitan that is just the right size for her. Anyone taller than Cheryl's 5-foot-2 will not fit in her little car very comfortably, which is just fine with her. And after all, even though it doesn't go down the road as fast as Roger's '35 Chevy, she is in it for the miles of smiles and thumbs up people give her along the way. However, I think over the last few years with the constant harassment of Roger teasing Cheryl about driving her Metro so slow, she acquired the need for speed. Roger noted that when Cheryl gets behind the wheel of something with more power, she becomes a different person. A little devilish as he puts it. Both Roger and Cheryl have been in the car club scene for quite awhile now and over the years had watched Mike Jones (one of everybody's friend) build a 1933 Ford Pickup fenderless street rod project with many different paint changes and other ideas along the way. Mike's pick up was an ongoing interesting change of the new trends and common site at most gatherings around the area. Cheryl, like many, always liked the changes that Mike did and the attention the truck grabbed from others around it. I think Mike even put her behind the wheel a few times, when she stuck her head in looking, to see how it fit her. She always seemed to come out of it with a smile on her face and not really saying much. Then about a year after Mike's last transformation and having the truck looking like a new 1960s custom show truck, along with winning a few awards at Good Guys events, he decided to put a for sale sign on it so he could finish a '50 Mercury he was working on at the time. When Cheryl saw the truck with its new look, she couldn't believe it was the same vehicle. The top was chopped 5 inches, which made it look mean; it had a '32 Ford grill shell and front fenders, running boards and Model A rear fenders that were "bobbed" (a term meaning shortened in the back) to match up with the bottom of the frame. Cheryl loved the bright pearl orange paint with the white scallops and now with the for sale sign on it, couldn't wait to test drive the truck with its new look and feel. I don't believe she drove it more than a block or two before telling Mike she wanted to buy it right now. The deal was made and she drove it home the same day.

Cheryl has had the truck for about 3 or 4 years now and loves driving it all she can. She changed the painted wheels the truck had for polished aluminum wheels to help add bling to the color of the paint.

She also redid all the upholstery by herself inside the cab changing it to all white. She said she has one thing left to do with making a matching white tonneau cover for the box to finish out the picture on the back end. Roger said this fast, little truck has easily turned Cheryl into more of a little devil. Because it is chopped, she and her youngest son, who is 5-foot-6, are the only two who can fit in it comfortably.

Roger might have to get a bit contorted to go for a ride with Cheryl or just drive his '35 a bunch harder to keep up with her now. What goes around, comes around.

...Hey, was that a pheasant that just flew by us? Oh, it's just Cheryl!



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Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

"We go together," describes this compatible duo. Glenn and Cathy Walker met when they were both helping a mutual friend move. "We went together for about five years," recalls Cathy. "Everyone thought we would never get married, but we did. It'll be 50 years this December." Throughout their marriage, a lot of their shared interests seemed to involve sports of one kind or another. They were on a mixed bowling team for about 25 years. Glenn still bowls three times a week. He has bowled a 300 and sports a nifty ring to prove it. He enjoys Wii bowling, as well. The Walkers have also played on a co-ed softball team. Cathy says, "I began playing when I was 37 and played until I was in my 50s. After that, I coached a woman's team, and then my grandson's team from the time he was 8 to about 14." Presently, the Walkers may be seen wielding a cue stick at a pool table on Thursday nights at the Senior Center.

Glenn and Cathy are parents to two daughters, Valerie and Dawn. They are blessed with twin granddaughters who are 19 and a grandson who is father to their first great-granddaughter, 2-month-old Carly Rose. A couple of life-challenges for the Walkers involved coping with the loss of an infant grandson to SIDS and helping Valerie recover from a motorcycle accident. "She couldn't go up and down stairs and we have a walk-in basement so she lived with us for a few months," says Cathy.

Growing up in Sioux Falls as the oldest of a sister and two brothers, Cathy lived with her mom and grandfather. "I lived in upstate New York from about 2 until 8 and then when my parents separated, moved back to Sioux Falls." After graduating from Washington High School, Cathy attended Nettleton College for one year, taking an executive secretary course. "For three years I worked at an accounting firm doing tax returns and depreciation schedules. When they wouldn't give me a raise, I quit and went to work for the phone company, which is probably the best thing that could have happened. I worked there 36 years doing mostly office work, then ended up working for the CEO."

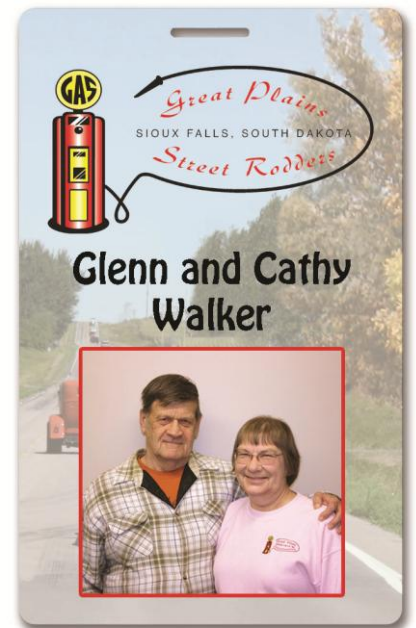
Cathy has worked for many years on family history for both her and Glenn's family. In addition, she volunteers at the genealogy library where she helps others look up their family history if they have ancestors in the county. She is also a member of the Abandoned Cemetery Board. "We have about 16 cemeteries in the county that we look after and take care of. We mow about four of them with our daughters." Currently, she is involved in the Workers on Wheels program at Active Generations. "I drive the elderly to doctor appointments and stay there until they're done, sometimes all afternoon. I take a couple of ladies grocery shopping twice a month."

Glenn, a native of Sioux Falls, grew up the oldest of three brothers, a sister, and another brother. As a young man, he worked as a garbage collector and on road construction, running a rock crusher while they were building the interstate. Later, he went to work for John Morrell. A man of few words, Glenn prefers doing to talking. He has donated countless hours to the Active Generations senior center – delivering newsletters to the VA and other places, setting up and taking down tables and chairs for their noon meals, and setting up for various activities. He was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for all of his generous time and effort.



Though they have no desire to do any extensive traveling, the Walkers would like to revisit Washington, D.C. "It's all the history there. You have to know U.S. history to do family history," claims Cathy. Glenn is content with their annual cruise to Back to the 50's where he checks out all the vendors.

"We just seem to do most things together," sums up Cathy. Together, it would seem that the Walkers have the right idea. Maybe their philosophy of giving is best summed up by the lyrics of a song by Jewel... "In the end, only kindness matters."



Thanks Given

Dear Great Plains Street Rodders, Thank you for your generosity in memory of my mother, Opal Ramse. What great friends we have. Verlyn Ramse

Thanks Cruise Hosts

Thank you to Ron and Karen for coordinating the Loess Hills Cruise Day. The free rolls and coffee at our first stop were much appreciated, also. Ron, along with many others did a great job of waiting when we got too spread out to see each other. We were never lost; we just did a little small town cruising to find the perfect picnic shelters. ☺



Thanks Given

We really appreciate you taking the time to come out and celebrate our 50th Anniversary with us. The cards were so thoughtful to read and we had such a wonderful time with you all. Thank you, Gary and Audrey Remme

Thanks From NAPA

I would like to thank you again for the club coming to the Napa Store car show in Tea. I hope everyone had fun and will come back in the spring for a warmer one. I extend an extra 10% off reg. priced items for our club members' next parts. We're members now, also. Greg and Teena Frederick

Our Website Upgrade

Many of you have already visited and are currently enjoying our new website. If you haven't yet, you should check it out. Our old site was obsolete and no longer supported by Microsoft. Mark Bowers researched, found and built our new comparably priced website. This new website offers many cool options and can be edited by multiple people from their own locations. It also offers some convenient calendar/schedule options and lots and lots of photos for you to browse through. It also allows us to store and share our history with the newsletters and feature car stories and paintings going back to our first issue in April 2005. The site continues to evolve and share updates. It will always be a work in progress for you to enjoy with new additions and updates. The name is still greatplainsstreetrodders.com so get on the site, point, click and enjoy.



Webmaster Change

We welcome Mark Bowers as our new webmaster. Mark has upgraded our website and will continue to keep it current with newsletters, photos, a calendar and other neat things to help us enjoy our hobby together.

We also say thank you to Derrick Stokes, our prior webmaster, for spending seven years and countless hours on setting up and maintaining our old site.

October Birthdays

(2nd half)

Sally Steiner	24
Gary Bowman	26
Tom Olsen	28

November Birthdays

(1st half)

Susan Seachris	1
Clay Seachris	2
Jack Boatright	4
Dean Gough	11

October Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Gary and Deb Bowman	16
John and Sonja Lynch	16
Bob and Sandy Schmeichel	20

November Anniversaries

(1st half)

Jack and Dianne Boatright	4
Dale and Joyce Aurit	5

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Participation Award

The Great Plains members were awarded with a plaque for Best Participation at the recent 35th Annual Vintiques Rod Run.



All Smiles, All Fun With Our Wild Members



Karen, Kathy, Joyce, Jayne and Vicky at Stone State Park, IA



Don, Butch and Ken enjoying coffee and rolls in a gazebo at Akron, IA



Nancy, Betty and Deb having fun at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum



Carla and Leonard Rhoades with their '49 Chevy at the Weinie Roast



Jim Kuhle's '39 Oldsmobile at NAPA in Tea, "Last Fling 'til Spring"



Faye and Gary cruising around Watertown in Gary's '55 Coronet



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.



Ingenue Buick

Here's a couple photos of one of the rarest race cars ever to hit the track; the "Ingenue" Buick funny car! This car was built with funding from 19 Buick dealers in the New York area in an effort to help get Buick noticed on the area drag race tracks. The body was molded in fiberglass using a brand new Buick Skylark GS400 as the pattern, only two bodies were built. The car was powered by a highly modified, supercharged, Buick Wildcat 430 ci engine. Ingenue was only raced for about three years and was not extremely successful, but it was certainly unique. I have been in contact with the original builder's son and have supplied these two pictures to him for his photo documentation of the car, which is currently undergoing a complete restoration. The 1967 photo is from the very first outing of the car and the other photo is from 1969; I took both of these shots at Englishtown, NJ.



Recipe

Spooky Eyeball Cake

From the kitchen of Susan Seachris

1 pkg. devil's food cake mix (2-layer size)
1 - 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 egg
2 Tbsp. granulated sugar

2 cups whipped topping
¼ cup powdered sugar
1 cup cold milk
1 pkg. vanilla flavored instant pudding (3.4 oz.)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare cake as directed on package. Pour cake batter in a 2½-quart, ovenproof bowl. Beat cream cheese, egg and granulated sugar until well blended then spoon into center of batter in bowl. Bake for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in bowl for 10 minutes. Loosen cake from bowl with a knife and invert onto a wire rack. Cool cake completely. Beat dry pudding mix, powdered sugar and milk in a medium bowl with a whisk for 2 minutes. Stir in whipped topping. Refrigerate until ready to use. Place cake on a plate and frost with pudding mixture. Decorate with gel frosting to create a spooky eye.





Meet-n-Eat Schedule

10/15/14 VFW

3601 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

10/22/14 Hy-Vee Deli – Minnesota

3000 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

10/29/14 Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet

1100 W. 41st Street, Sioux Falls

11/05/14 Crack'd Pot

1430 N. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

11/12/14 Tailgators

1013 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon

11/19/14 Pizza Ranch – East 10th

3809 E. 10th Street, Sioux Falls

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



YOU'RE INVITED TO A PRE-HALLOWEEN/WINE
TASTING PARTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

@ **METRO STATION**

906 E. REDWOOD BLVD, BRANDON

BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE AND AN HORDEVORE TO

*COSTUMES STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED*

SHARE

THE FUN STARTS @ 6:00

Call Cheryl @ 941-2644 if you have any questions.



Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)



FOR SALE – **Five wheels, four tires for a 92-96 vintage Ford F-150 pick-up / Bronco**, Tires are six ply Michelin 34 X 10.50X 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



FOR SALE – 2004 Continental Cargo Auto Plus Enclosed Car Trailer, 24' + 4' v-nose for 28' total, extra height (7'6"), 4' walk-in door, 4 1/2' escape door, 102" wide, rock guard, tires have less than 500mi., 4 interior lights on 2 switches, 2 roof vents, D-rings, E-track on walls. I'm the 2nd owner of this; first owner used as storage at his lake cabin. We used it as storage for our hot rod. Pulls nice and straight; tires, interior, exterior all excellent. \$8800. Contact Reed Petersen 605-261-9192. Leave a message if I don't answer.



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. \$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 – 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.



WANTED – A pair of old school "Cheater Slicks" as were used on stock class drag race cars in the mid 1960's. These could be up to 7" wide and for 14 or 15 inch wheels. "Casler" and "A-1" were a couple prevalent brands around here, but others are good. These will be for display use only with my 56 Chevy wagon. Tom Olsen 605-759-6567

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

Club Logo Apparel

Have your own items embroidered with our logos at Midstates Imprinted Sportswear, 935 E. 8th Street, 332-7811 or call fellow member Tom Cain, 339-3559 or 3951-3062.

