



# Cruisin' News

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## *You Made It Happen*

By Clay Seachris

President's message

As I reminisce about this season, I focus on so many individuals contributing to make it such a wonderful summer. There were lots of cruise nights, car shows and fun gatherings. There are so many of you contributing to our Wednesday night cruises and weekend gatherings that I'm not sure it's even possible to highlight each of you without forgetting someone. So, I'll make a blanket statement and say, "You." You made this summer cruise season happen. You made it fun and memorable. Whether it was hosting, coordinating, participating or just being part of this group, you made another fun cruise season happen. This car club is so fortunate to have so many caring hosts, and coordinators, supported by so many active helpers to make the fun happen. This stuff doesn't happen on its own, you all help by pulling together to alleviate the burden on each other. The strength of this group is still in the friendships and our ability to spread the load within friends so that no one feels it's more work than fun. Together we made this summer cruise season happen. As this season wraps up, we're already planning next year.

With the change in seasons, we continue Wednesday night gatherings that transition into a meet-n-eat group. We still meet after five o'clock and enjoy good food and socializing. The only thing that changes is the cool cars get left behind as the evening weather gets colder and darker. We thank Terry and Sandy Peterson and Gary and Audrey Jorgenson for coordinating the upcoming Meet-n-Eat schedule starting October 1 at Harris Burgers. The first half of the schedule is set up to accommodate possible higher attendance. Membership has grown and large attendance makes it interesting to find places that can and want to handle a large group. Many of the best, busy restaurants avoid booking large groups that require extra staff and tables during their peak hours. We enjoy visiting for a while and for business, so it's more income for them to fill those seats and tables numerous times with quicker patrons. The more the merrier – as a large group, the coordinators have found avenues for us to enjoy our evenings together.



Tina and Bob Irvine, Verlyn Ramse and Jack Mills on a Wednesday cruise to Tom and Joyce Olsen's "Toy Box"



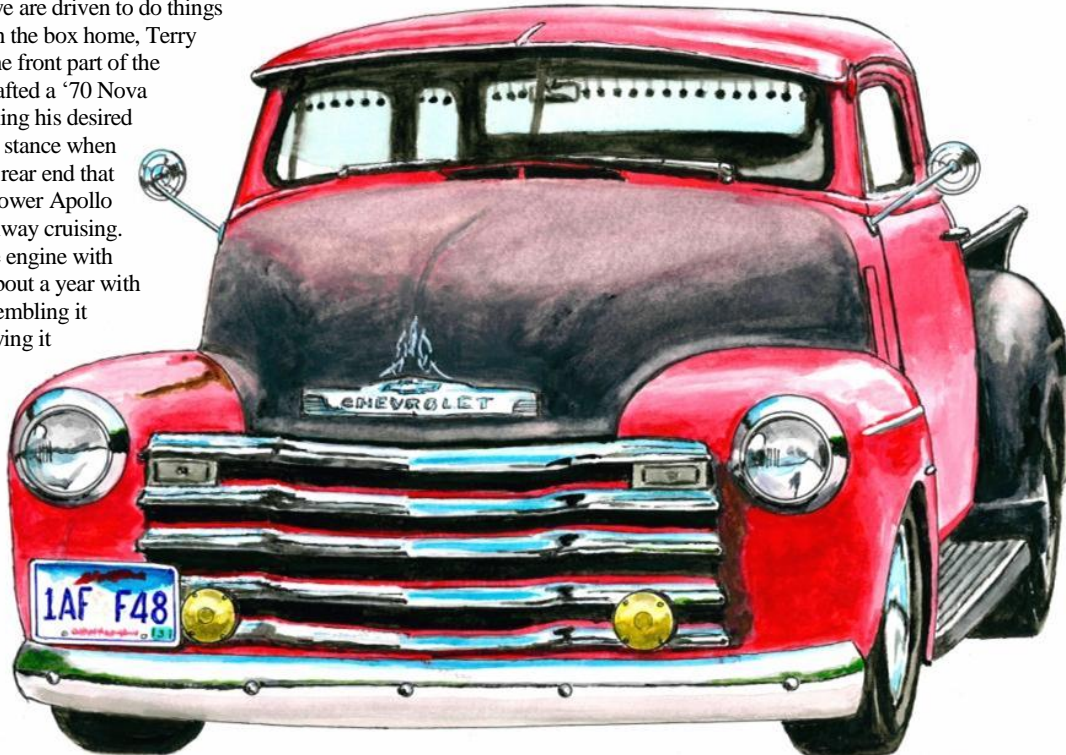
## Keepin' Life Fun

By Bob Schmeichel

It seems that all through my life I have always heard older people say, "You get out of life what you put into it." And now being older, I am finding myself saying the same thing to younger people. Funny how that works! I honestly believe that the majority of everything that humans do puts a smile on their face or at least a feel-good feeling of accomplishment. If it doesn't work that way, we have learned to laugh about it later in life as a lesson learned knowing not to make the same mistake again. In the four-wheel reference as a hobby and the generation I am in now, there are no specific guide lines or limitations to what people choose to fix up or drive. It is a continual learning process no matter what level we choose to build or restore a vehicle. The real reward comes when you finally turn the key and drive it around the block, followed by the first time you really drive to a gathering of people at a local car show or to a Saturday night burger spot. The general feeling I get at these things is the easy-to-talk-to camaraderie and that everyone is equally respectful to each other no matter what their ride is. These happenings don't have to do more than put a smile on the owner's face while visiting with other car-loving people with similar interest, which makes it feel like icing on a cake. Many memories and strong friendships evolve out of these low-key events that last a lifetime. I have aged gracefully with this continuing picture and the allure is still there. I for one am glad we have a variety of car-likes realizing how boring it would be if everyone had the same vehicle or four-wheel interest.

I know this may sound like a cliché, but most car people driving around where ever they go will notice an old car setting anyplace in the world that is not being used. If they have driven by it without recognition, there is always a menacing question in the back of their mind wanting to know what the heck it was and what kind of shape it's in. This usually gets a real auto enthusiast to turn around and go back to get the questions answered with their own eyes. This kind of sets up the story that Terry Jellis started out with after finally deciding to stop to check out a car.

It was an early fall morning in 2004 with the sun just coming up as Terry was driving heading east to cut down some trees for firewood. As he was rolling along and approaching a neighbor's farm three miles down the highway, he noticed that the shop door was open revealing a Model A just inside the door opening. Realizing he had seen it many times before but never stopped to ask about it, today was the day he would stop. As he drove into the yard and walked towards the large open door, he was met by the owner and the questions with answers unfolded. With that a new car-related friendship began, but the answers about the Model A were that the owner was going to restore it someday. As they were standing there in the doorway talking and the sun just coming up, which lit up the way back part in the building, Terry noticed something else that grabbed his attention immediately. Even though it was just an old pickup cab body by itself, Terry saw the potential of what it could be again. This old remnant of a 1948 Chevy pickup cab with its faded, red paint and a chopped top told him it was a hot rod in past years. There was a grill and front fenders laying beside the cab, but as it turned out, it too was destined to be built by the owner sometime in the future as well. So Terry left that day, not forgetting what he had seen, and later stopping by time after time to see if the owner was ready to sell. Finally after three years of stopping by, the owner was ready to part with the cab and front fenders to make room for a new project. Although Terry had hot rods to drive, he was eager to get the cab home that day in 2007 and start gathering parts to put it together. Later the same year on a winter day, while hunting down a tailgate for another pickup project of Terry's, he found a bare frame with a pickup box on it in Tracey, Minn., for a '48 Chevy pickup. It was exactly what he needed and priced right, but not wanting to wait to get it home, he commented laughing, it only took him a couple hours to dig it out of a snow drift during a blizzard that was going on at the same time. Funny how we are driven to do things sometimes!! After getting the frame with the box home, Terry immediately bolted the cab on and cut the front part of the frame off below the firewall. He then grafted a '70 Nova sub-frame to the original frame establishing his desired ride height in the front so it had the right stance when finished. After that came a '68 Chevelle rear end that eventually has been replaced with a narrower Apollo rear end with a higher gear ratio for highway cruising. For go Terry installed a 350 Chevy crate engine with a 350 turbo. After pushing himself for about a year with gathering all the necessary parts and assembling it himself, he was finally driving and enjoying it like he never thought possible. The attention this old hot rod truck gets never stops. Terry has built quite a few cars over the years and still has a bunch for choices to drive if he so desires. For Terry, each of his cars has their likes, which is why he has held onto them. Terry said his brother, Ron, got him into this street rod hobby back in 1955, and that he has never thought about unhooking from it yet, but Terry emphasizes his main thing about having this kind of vehicle is just plain having fun with it and the friends that you gather up along the way. These are both precious and priceless at the same time!!



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## Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Industrious and capable, this petite upholsterer is like her '56 Metro – sew cute. We're talking about Cheryl Van Noort, of course. "I worked for a year at the West Side Upholstery Shop," remembers Cheryl, "when the lady I worked for closed shop. Then, I opened my own. I've been upholstering for 28 years and do everything but automotive." In addition, Cheryl upholsters for Sanford Hospital several days out of the month. One of seven children, Cheryl and her family lived on an acreage outside of Sioux Falls then moved to Brandon her senior year where she graduated high school. "I worked for Lewis Drug in the cosmetic department for a year, got married, and did day care for ten years. Several years later, she met Roger, another single parent, through mutual friends. "We went out for dinner and then looked at Christmas lights."

"She never said a word on our first date," adds Roger, "but she agreed to let me call her. We went out two or three times a week for 13 years but never discussed marriage as our kids went to different schools and didn't want to change." With a grin, Cheryl describes that memorable night in Cancun. "Roger tried to propose but he just couldn't spit the words out." Roger admits that his first proposal was a bungled attempt. It was two years later before he got up enough courage to try again. He knew Cheryl was ready, though, when her quick response was, "It's about time!"

Roger grew up in Sioux Falls with three brothers and one sister. He graduated from Washington High and served four years in the Navy. "I did three tours in Viet Nam, spent several months in the Philippines, then worked as a recruiter in Omaha my last year." After his stint in the Navy, Roger attended Nettleton College and later earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting. "I worked at EROS for almost 38 years managing staff in nearly every department. My last four and a half years I lived the *Big Bang Theory* managing a staff of over 50 scientists. They were all wonderful people." Presently, Roger works part-time for Dakota Auto Parts. "Now I deliver to all the hot rod shops all over Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas so it's actually pretty fun."



When not street rodding, Cheryl enjoys rummage sales, "junking," gardening and sewing crafts in her shop. Though many would acknowledge that Roger has talents of his own, his interest is observing others with special talents. "I find it fascinating to watch people who can do something that I probably couldn't – like building cars, pin-striping, or maybe, singing or acting in plays." Both he and Cheryl like music, plays and concerts. They simply enjoy being together. "He makes me laugh," says Cheryl. Her husband of 13 years chimes in. "We laugh about the silliest things. I found out that Cheryl has a mischievous side, which I actually enjoy." They both like spending time with kids and grandkids, often at the Metro Station, their 50s décor getaway.

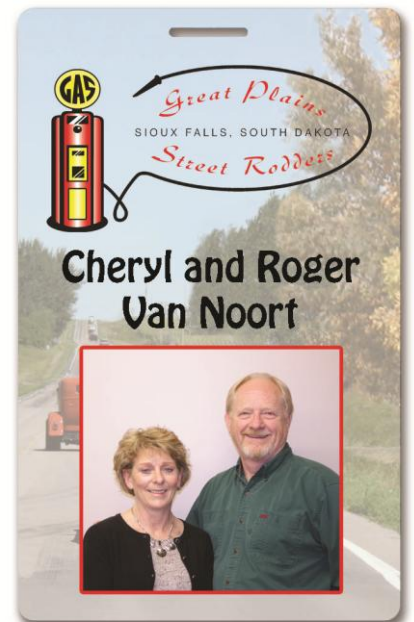
"We were looking for a different house with a bigger garage for our street rods, but we couldn't decide on the same one," recalls Cheryl. "Finally, my son, Travis, a realtor, found a building he thought we might be interested in." Though it wasn't what they'd imagined originally, it had a kitchen, room for entertaining and for their street rods. Now family and friends benefit from this generous couple's creative talents as the Metro Station has become a favorite gathering place for everything from wine tasting to birthday celebrations.

In addition to car club activities, the Van Noorts have done a fair amount of traveling. "I could be a tour guide in Washington D.C.," quips Roger, "I've been there so many times. I don't like the politics of D.C. but the city has so much history."

"A few years ago, we took the Amtrak from there to New York City," Cheryl adds. "We got there in the worst snowstorm in the history of New York City. It was cold and wet and windows on the tour bus were so fogged up that we couldn't see anything."

"It was still fun, though," Roger says good-naturedly. "It was kind of like an adventure." Cheryl agrees but would like to return someday to see more of the city and take in a few plays. One place they are both interested in visiting is Charleston, S.C. "Just because of the heritage, civil war sites and the old plantations."

Wherever the Van Noort's travels take them, we hope they have fun and that they end up at the front door of the Metro Station. We'll be waiting.



## Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Verlyn Ramse and his family. Verlyn's mother, Opal Ramse, passed away August 17. The club sent a memorial to Verlyn on behalf of all fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On August 29, Don and Carolyn Hood celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Don and Carolyn.

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Congratulations to the Rems. September 19 marks 50 years since Gary and Audrey Remme said, "I do." Best wishes, Gary & Audrey.



## Thanks for Hosting

Thank you to Tom and Joyce Olsen along with co-hosts Jerry and Robin Miller for a memorable Wednesday night cruise night recently. The taco bar was a hit, and although we did our best, we could not eat all the awesome desserts other members shared.



## Thanks for the Dogs

A big thank you goes out to Doug and Laurie Van Noort and Jim Larson for donating the hotdogs and buns at this year's Annual Weinie Roast. The Weinie Roast continues to be a low-budget evening with lots of food due to their generosity and the support of all the potluckers.



## Thanks Roast Hosts

Thank you to Ron and Karen Roe for hosting another awesome Wienie Roast. This year had record breaking attendance as it marked Ron and Karen's wedding anniversary. It was another memorable event and we're so fortunate to be surrounded with such great people.

## Thanks for Special Day

Thank you for making our anniversary such a special day. Having family and friends meant so very much. A thank you to all who were involved in the table. It will always be a special reminder and keepsake to us. Many thanks for the money gift, all of the wonderful cards and well-wishes. We feel very blessed to be a part of this group. Ron and Karen Roe

## Christmas Party Plan

Christmas Party is December 6 at LifeScape on south Western Avenue. Mark your calendar.

## September Birthdays

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

Audrey Remme	20
Kris Golden	21
Donna Jellis	22
Cindy Friedbauer	29
Loren Fick	30
Bill Kullander	30

## October Birthdays

(1<sup>st</sup> half)

John Hauge	5
Jim Larson	5
Jerry Miller	7
Rick Munce	8
Kevin Lucas	9
Melania Barnes	11
Lori Paulson	11
Doug Walker	13
Emery Lee	14
Helene Carlson	14

## September Anniversaries

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

Terry and Kathy Koch	16
Gary and Audrey Remme "50 <sup>th</sup> "	19
Jerry and Robin Miller	29

## October Anniversaries

(1<sup>st</sup> half)

Don and Pat Reichert	6
Ken and Susan Jump	11
Doug and Karen Walker	13

## The Impala Nationals

Faye Gallagher's '66 Impala won third in "Original Showroom" class out of over 100 cars from all over the U.S. and Canada.





## *Cruising and Picnic Highlights*



Jim Larson's 1950 Studebaker at Dakota Digital's cruise night.



Ron and Karen Roe are presented a picnic table at the Weinie Roast.



Having fun at the Mary Jo Wagner Arboretum picnic.



Jayne DeBoer's T-Bird at the Mary Jo Wagner Arboretum picnic.



Ken and Vicky Levene's 1955 Ford Crown Victoria at Olsen's cruise.



Christina, Devan and Jason Jellis – '53 Hornet at the Weinie Roast.





## *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.



## Witkop's Impala

You're looking at Jim Witkop's 1964 Chevy Impala, silver with black interior.

Jim bought this to go drag racing; it was equipped with the 409 ci, 425hp engine and 4-speed transmission. Jim worked for years at Soo Alignment and later owned and operated Dakota Alignment here in town. He was an active drag racer throughout the 1960s and early '70s, and he owned several strong-running Chevys during those years. In visiting with Glenn Walker at the cruise night at our place last year, Glenn tells me that he later owned this car. I suspect that he'd still like to own it today...I know I would!



## *Just Desserts...Because They Are So Good*

### Recipe

#### Three Ingredient Peanut Butter Cookies

*From the kitchen of Nancy Jellis*

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg

Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine the peanut butter, white sugar and egg. Mix until smooth. Drop spoonfuls of dough onto the prepared baking sheet and press a crisscross pattern into dough with a fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes. Do not overbake. Cookies are best when they are still soft and just barely brown on the bottoms.

### Recipe

#### Peanut Butter Pie

*From the kitchen of Laurie Van Noort*

- 1 cup creamy or crunchy peanut butter
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 ¼ cups sifted powdered sugar

Mix together with mixer until well incorporated. Fold in one 8-oz. container thawed Cool Whip. Put into a chocolate crumb crust. You can top it with melted chocolate chips or put Nutella in the bottom of the crust before filling it with the peanut butter mixture.

Chill for at least 2 hours, then cut it and enjoy.



## 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.



### 09/24/14 Executive Touch / Subaru

1011 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

### 10/01/14 Harris Burgers

106 E. Willow St., Harrisburg, SD

### 10/08/14 Pizza Ranch – East 10th

3809 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls

### 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. 41<sup>st</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls

### 11/26/14 Hy-Vee Deli – Minnesota

3000 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

## Club Logo Apparel

You may have your own clothing items embroidered with our logos at Midstates Imprinted Sportswear, 935 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 332-7811 or call fellow member Tom Cain 339-3559 or 3951-3062. Here's a custom jacket Tom made for Bob Van Noort.



## 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 – Rims and Tires,** 195-14 and 275-14 for Chevy. Call John Moore 605-371-0787



**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, lsnuttjer@gmail.com.



**FOR SALE – Brand New Tires,** Two General Altimax tires size 205/70/14. I purchased these for my wagon project, mounted them on wheels, then decided to go to a bigger tire. They've never been driven on. I paid \$200 + tax for the pair, will sell for \$150. Tom Olsen 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