



Cruisin' News

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Cruisin' Season Is Here

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Even though spring weather has been uncooperative, we've managed to coordinate some successful days and nights of cruising fun. As always, we're fortunate to have so many people sharing and making ideas become memories with a little help from friends. Oh, and lot's of cool cars.

The cruise to Nick's Burgers in Brookings will probably go down in history as the "Windstorm Cruise of 2014." We had a great turnout of hotrods cruising on I-29 dealing with a crosswind that made it seem like we were boating. We filled the parking area at Nick's and enjoyed burgers before embarking into small groups to enjoy an art museum, the campanile, shopping and other neat things in Brookings.

There were about 40 of us that enjoyed touring Rosenbauer. It was neat to see the variety of finished fire trucks and discover they're delivered all over the world from a small town in South Dakota. I was also blown away by all the cool tools, machinery and materials that go into manufacturing these hand-built trucks. It's so impressive that each fire truck is like a hotrod, built by skilled craftsmen from someone's dreams.

Many of us cruised from the factory to the Renner Garage for the Annual NSRA Inspections. Bob Schmeichel and other inspectors spent the morning examining, offering ideas and fixing little problems to make sure our street machines are safe for another cruising season. Around 40 street rods, customs and muscle cars went up on the lift and most received their annual National Street Rod Association 23-point safety decal.

Wednesday and Saturday Nights are filled with cruising destinations and fun social activities again. Keep checking the schedules for Wednesday destinations, and Saturday evenings are fun at Hardees's or Burger King.

The Siouxland Car Council website siouxlandcarcouncil.info schedule is revised as events are shared. As always, for online newsletters and lots of photos, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



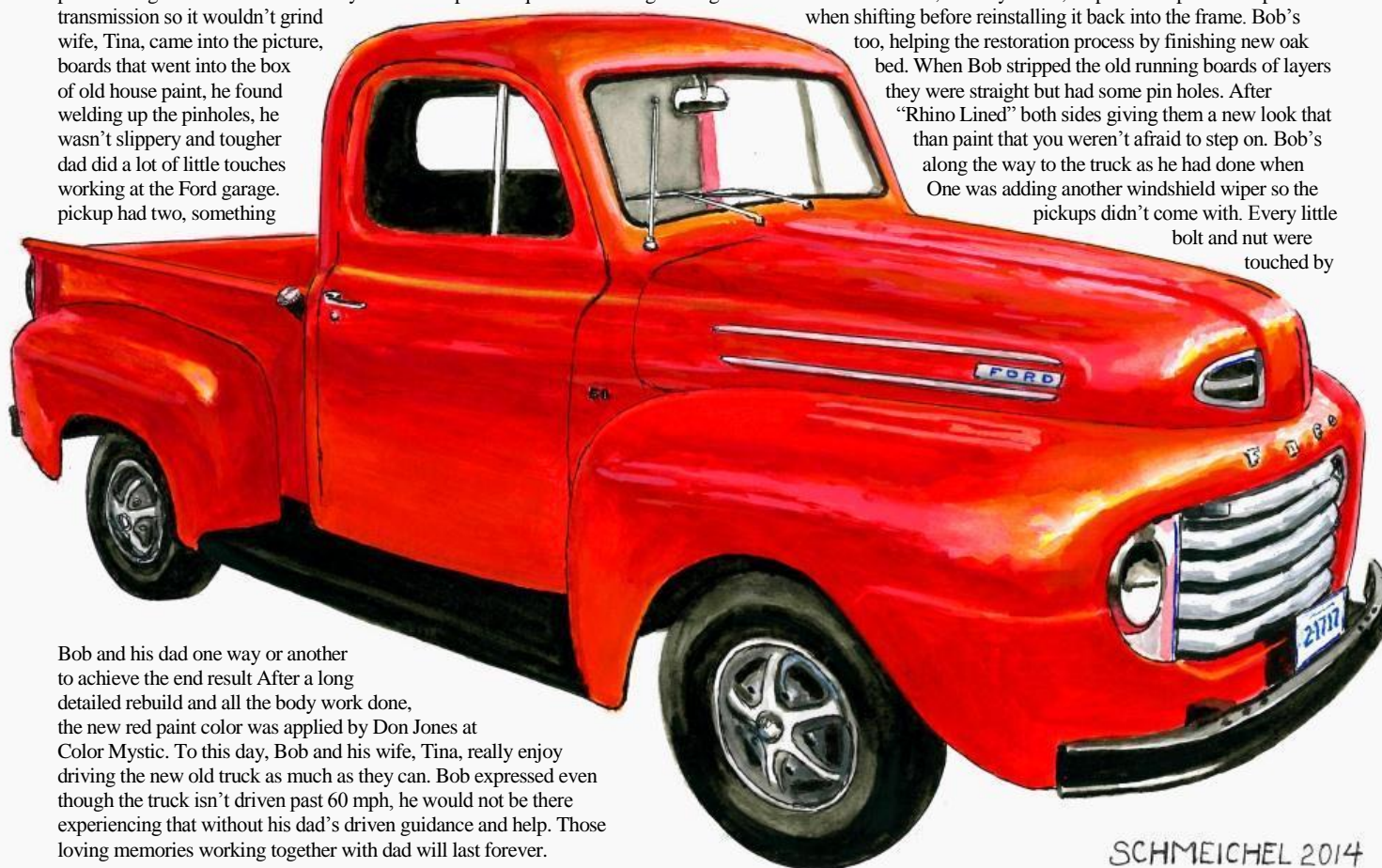
Lined up and waiting for NSRA Inspection at the Renner Garage.

Dad's Direction

By Bob Schmeichel

Our fathers have always been there having a major influence on us from infancy through adulthood. As we grew up, we didn't always agree with directions he might have given, but because of his experiences, his thoughts were passed along to us so we didn't make the same mistakes. Sometimes as kids, we always seemed to learn the hard way when dad wasn't around. When it came to automobiles, his choices may have led you to be loyal specifically in your teen age years. Thinking back, whether it be a Buick, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Kaiser, Studebaker or American Motors, they all had their likes and dislikes. Growing up in the 50s and 60s the majority of the choices were American-made autos, although Volkswagen and other imports were finding their way into America then. Engines lasted around 100,000 miles then and had to be rebuilt to maintain performance. Today with computerized machine work, along with tighter tolerances, engines will go 200,000 miles without an issue in almost anything. Although the once large assortment of American-made cars is disappearing and the import picture is growing ever larger, I am sure that the same allure between father-and-son favorite brands still holds true today no matter what kind of car.

Bob Irvine grew up in the 50s and 60s with his dad being an auto mechanic at Soo Ford on Minnesota Avenue. Bob's dad coming off a farm knew nothing but hard work and applied himself so much that he became one of the area's top tune-up specialists. His favorite engines to work on were flat heads. Ford Motor Company was the first to come out with a production V-8 in 1932. It was called a flathead head engine with 60 horsepower, which was produced up into the early 1950s. Over the years with dad working at the garage, the Ford influence rubbed off on Bob. Later in life, in his adult years, Bob thought it would be fun to have an old Ford truck with a flathead engine that he and his father could work on together. Although his dad liked 1951 and '52 pickups, the earlier 1948 and '49 Ford model pickups were more to Bob's liking. Bob said he watched for quite a few years waiting to see one for sale in the newspaper. Then finally in 2005 one came up in an auction held in Canton, South Dakota, but Bob was already committed to going out of town to a Thunderbird Classic meet in Minneapolis the same day. Not wanting to miss the chance at an old truck, Bob called on his dad to go look at the truck and possibly buy it for him if the auction price wasn't crazy high. As it turned out, Bob's dad was able to have the last reasonable bid on the 1949 F-1 Ford truck allowing him to bring it home. After arriving back home from the T-Bird meet, Bob was pleasantly surprised to see a rough but complete old truck that ran with everything there sitting in his driveway. All the fenders were pretty banged up along with tool boxes installed on the edges of the box, but the main tell-tale story was painted on the doors saying, "Peterson Painting." It meant it was a work horse most of its life and was still surviving. Not realizing the rebuild process would take the next four years to do, Bob's excitement never slowed as he tore into it the next day starting with disassembly. Bob mentioned to his surprise that 95 percent of the bolts he tried to remove broke before they unscrewed. After the sheet metal was pretty much all removed except the cab of the truck, the hunt was on for better pieces. The needs led him to Harford, Freeman, Vermillion and all around the area before he found all that was necessary pertaining to straight sheet metal. When it came to rebuilding the old flathead, Bob's dad talked him into finding a newer Mercury crankshaft and a matched set of pistons creating a Stroker to give the old flathead new life. With Bob's dad being the old Ford mechanic and doing the engine work, upgrade gave the old flathead about 20 more horse power along with what feels like way more low-speed torque than the original engine ever had. An old friend, Rodney Smart, helped take apart and repair the transmission so it wouldn't grind wife, Tina, came into the picture, boards that went into the box of old house paint, he found welding up the pinholes, he wasn't slippery and tougher dad did a lot of little touches working at the Ford garage. pickup had two, something



Bob and his dad one way or another to achieve the end result After a long detailed rebuild and all the body work done, the new red paint color was applied by Don Jones at Color Mystic. To this day, Bob and his wife, Tina, really enjoy driving the new old truck as much as they can. Bob expressed even though the truck isn't driven past 60 mph, he would not be there experiencing that without his dad's driven guidance and help. Those loving memories working together with dad will last forever.

when shifting before reinstalling it back into the frame. Bob's too, helping the restoration process by finishing new oak bed. When Bob stripped the old running boards of layers they were straight but had some pin holes. After "Rhino Lined" both sides giving them a new look that than paint that you weren't afraid to step on. Bob's along the way to the truck as he had done when One was adding another windshield wiper so the pickups didn't come with. Every little bolt and nut were touched by

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Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Sandy Schmeichel was into cruisin' long before she joined us street rodders. "My grandfather owned a road construction company and we toured all over. I went to 12 different grade schools before I was in the sixth grade." Finally, settling down in Sioux Falls with her parents, a sister, a twin sister and brother, Sandy graduated from Lincoln High, and then pursued an art major in college. Later, she obtained an LPN followed by an RN nursing degree. Presently, she's a surgical nurse in the Sanford Surgical Department. "I set up the operating rooms and give the tech and doctor whatever they need. We do our best to help people and heal them," Sandy says with obvious pride. One of the highlights of her career was as a county nurse for schools in the Custer district. "I absolutely loved it." She worked there for six years.

From a prior marriage, Sandy has a son, Darren, now retiring from the Navy, and two daughters, Anna, who works at Ace Hardware, and, Sarah, the manager of Silver Jeans at the Mall of America. Bob's son, Beau, and daughter, Mindy, are from his first marriage. Between her and Bob, there are six grandchildren and one on the way.

Recently, Anna was diagnosed with MS. "Our family has been dealing and struggling with that," Sandy shares. "You don't realize how lucky you are until someone in the family is diagnosed with a disease. It's hard."

A farm kid near Salem, South Dakota, Bob moved to Sioux Falls at the age of 12. He graduated from Washington then went to USD as an art major. Discouraged with job prospects at the time, Bob dropped out his junior year and worked several jobs, some offering experience in car painting, body work and maintenance. Eventually, he became employed at a box company where he did everything from operating machines to designing boxes. When after 33 years, the downsizing company forced him out, Bob decided to retire.

When asked how they met, Bob responds, "It may sound cheesy but we met at Buck's Roadhouse." On the first occasion, Sandy asked him to dance. On the second, she asked him to be her "knight in shining armor" and rescue her from an unwanted admirer. Their relationship blossomed from there.

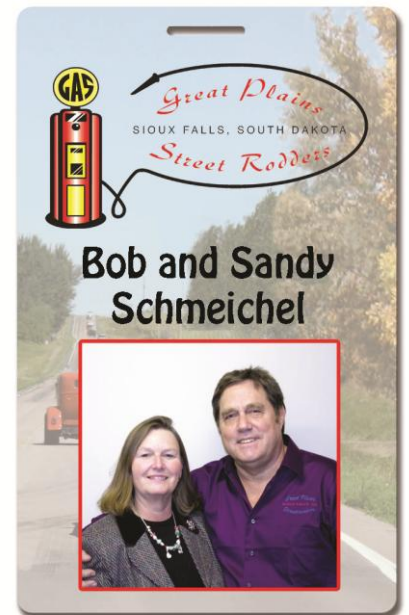
A couple with many shared interests, they both enjoy antique shopping – antique purses and make-up containers catching Sandy's eye. An avid collector of Hot Wheel cars, Bob owns over 5,000, all packaged and arranged in series. Not to be outdone, one room in their house is dedicated to Sandy's over 350 Barbie dolls, all displayed in boxes. She enjoyed collecting them, but is now ready to sell.

For the last four years, Bob has flexed his creative muscles building a one-off car, a truly unique and one-of-a-kind street rod. He admits that his Meniere's disease has slowed down his progress considerably but plans to complete it in a year or so. "I'm anxious to be done, but more anxious to see everyone's reaction to a car they've never seen before." He further comments. "My goal as an art major was to draw for car magazines. It's ironic that now I'm using it to paint watercolors for the car club. It may take over 20 hours to do a picture as watercolors can be difficult. I think I've improved my technique over the years, but sometimes I'll do one over just to get the colors right." We've all been beneficiaries of Bob's talent and are glad he enjoys doing it.

"A workhorse" as Bob describes her; Sandy always has lots on her plate. Sandy says, "When I'm having a hard day, Bob's digging to find out why. I'm a stuffer but he keeps digging it out and then I feel better."

Her dazzling list of hobbies include sewing, quilting, beading, gardening for herself and both moms, scrapbooking for new babies, and creating memory books for families of the deceased. One of her goals when she retires is to spend more time with the two moms who "are very dear to them." She is also looking forward to visiting Hawaii with Bob, a trip on the top of their "Bucket List."

With a demanding job, family and a myriad of hobbies, Sandy's a gal who wears many different hats. We think she looks good in all of them.



Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Vern Jensen and his family. Vern's wife, Kay, passed away Friday, April 25. Vern is one of our original founding club members, and we've enjoyed having him and Kay in our group sharing laughs through the years. It was good to see Vern surrounded by friends as he visited during his inspection duties at the recent NSRA Safety Inspections. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Vern's fellow Great Plains members.

Thanks Given

To the Great Plains Street Rodders, you're a very special group of people. Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered. The Family of Kay Jensen, Vern.

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane and Darwin Sletten and their family. Jane's mother passed away April 30. The Slettens are longtime Great Plains members.

The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Jane and Darwin's fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Vince Jones and his family. Vince's mother, Margaret, passed away May 4.

The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Vince and Sandy's fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

Cruise Events, May 17

Lincoln County Airport, 8:00 to 11:00. Free Breakfast to street rod drivers showing a car.

Papik Motors Spring Rally, 11:00 to 2:00. Free burger lunch.

Thanks for the Tour

Thank you to Harold Boer, CEO, and Doug Walker for hosting and guiding the Rosenbauer fire truck facility tour. We all enjoyed the tour and appreciate your time. Harold, it was cool to hear you're a muscle car guy. You're welcome to cruise with us anytime. 😊



Inspection Thank You

There were 49 cars from all eras inspected at the Annual NSRA Inspections hosted by the Renner Garage in Renner, SD. Thank you to the volunteer safety inspectors Craig "Cooter" Leao, Vern Jensen and Bob Schmeichel. They caught a number of minor issues that could've led to major breakdowns. Most things were remedied with simple zip-ties to move wires or just tightening loose bolts. Thank you Renner Garage and all their helpers for hosting. The food was good, the weather was great and the day really set a positive tone for a fun, safe season.



May Birthdays

(2nd half)

Ron Heemstra	23
Gerry Phillips	24
Bob Irvine	25
Audrey Jorgenson	27
Virgene Schrader	29
Candi Hanson	30
Darla Schmuck	30
Linda Geister	31

June Birthdays

(1st half)

Fred Vegge	2
Ivan Buskol	5
Tom Cain	6
Duane Rogers	6
Sarah Stokes	6
Deb DeBoer	9
Vern Jensen	9
Shirley Fick	10
Ann Larson	11
Jason Jellis	13
Grace Lee	13
Tina Irvine	15

May Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Mike and Sheila Miller	17
Ken and Barb Buchanan	27

June Anniversaries

(1st half)

Brian and Grace Lee	4
Mike and Lori Paulson	4
Bob and Tina Irvine	7
Ron and Lynn Hammerschmidt	10
Clay and Susan Seachris	10
Gary and Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry and Kris Golden	12
Jeff and Jean Knowlton	13

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Harrisburg Car Hop

Harrisburg Methodist churches annual **Car Hop is May 18** from 4:30-7:30 - youth group fundraiser. Cool cars, good kids and great food. 😊

Recent Cruises and Adventures



Archie Dunham's '56 Ford Fairlane Victoria at Hardee's.



Hop in, Mike, we're ready to cruise to Brookings. (Paulson's '49 Chevy)



Bones and Candy Hanson's '39 Chevy at the NSRA Inspections.



Bob Schmeichel, Vern Jensen and Terry Jellis with Terry's '32 Roadster.



Julie and Art Slumski cruising through Burger King.



Denny and Betty Heidebrink's Apache at Burger King.



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.



The Wild Mouse

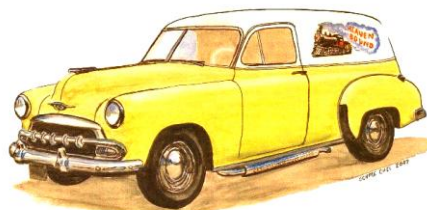
Here's an unusual one for you, the "Wild Mouse" Chevrolet Corvair wheel-standing truck. Chevrolet built these as a pickup truck based around the Corvair rear-mounted engine and drivetrain. The engine was mounted under the bed in the rear; the cargo area was of different levels, and it turned out to not be a very practical design. Of course, the whole Corvair project didn't work out so well for GM. This one is the "Rampside" version, with a loading ramp on the passenger side; most were purchased by Bell Telephone Company. Some enterprising drag racer built this into a wheel-standing exhibition truck complete with a 327 Chevy V-8 mounted in the cargo area. Wheel-standers like this would commonly make runs down the dragstrip with the front wheels in the air the whole distance. Dragstrip promoters often used these as "filler" to keep the crowd amused between rounds of dragster competition. I photographed this at Englishtown, NJ in 1967.

Great Plains Street Rodders Feature Car Program

Be seen, be featured has been the theme since Bob Schmeichel began painting member cars over nine years ago. The Feature Car section will continue as long as we have active members who've not been featured. Well, that and as long as Bob continues to enjoy seeing your cars, meeting with you, painting your cars and featuring them in the *Cruisin' News* and then sharing them with *Motor Market Magazine*.

The Feature Car section of the *Cruisin' News* began in April of 2005 and last month marked the ninth year of this monthly passion. This current feature of Bob and Tina Irvine's 1949 F-1 Ford truck is the 110th feature painting.

For the Great Plains club to have that many cool cars featured through the years is impressive and a compliment to Bob Schmeichel, the closeness of this group, and to all of you for sharing your cars on most Wednesday nights and other cruises. What's really impressive is that there are many more Great Plains Street Rodders' cars yet to be featured. The monthly car is picked from active cruisers. This has been going on so long that just recently active members who've sold previously featured cars were again fortunate to be recognized with their latest cool ride. The monthly feature also helps all club members get to know the owners, so let's see those cars this summer, hear the stories and share.



Siouxland Car Council Schedule

Every May we join with everyone at the Wednesday Night Cruises coordinated as a member club of the Siouxland Car Council. Please join us. Guests are welcome. We are a family-oriented club, we encourage the next generation, so children are also always welcome to all our events.



05/21/14 212 The Boiling Point

323 S. Splitrock Blvd, Brandon, SD

05/28/14 Lower Sherman Park – Potluck

805 S. Kiwanis Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

06/04/14 Terry Koch Race Shop

26846 469th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

06/11/14 J&L Harley Davidson

2601 W. 60th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

06/18/14 Handy-Man Cruise Night

910 E. 10th St, Sioux Falls, SD

06/25/14 Children's Home Society, Float Social

801 N Sycamore, Sioux Falls, SD

07/02/14 Cruise Night - Empire Pontiac Club

Sherman Park, 805 S. Kiwanis Ave, SF, SD

07/09/14 Cruise Night - Lincoln County Cruisers

Jack Fox Park, 225 N Broadway, Canton, SD

07/16/14 Poker Run - Great Plains Street Rodders

\$5 to Play, 100% Payout

07/23/14 Cruise Night - Sioux Empire Ford Club

Wall Lake, Wall Lake Township

07/30/14 Fall's Overlook Café

825 N. Weber, Sioux Falls

08/06/14 Olsen's Garage (Tom & Joyce's)

2409 W. 85th Street, Sioux Falls

Recipe

Lemon Cheesecake Bars

1 (18 ounce) box yellow cake mix (with pudding in the mix)
2 large eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
8 ounces cream cheese or light cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix dry cake mix, 1 egg and oil until crumbly. Reserve 1 cup and pat remaining mixture into a 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake for 15 minutes.

Beat cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice and 1 egg until light and smooth. Spread over baked layer and sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake for 15 minutes more.

Cool completely and cut into bars. Store in refrigerator.

Relaxing at Rosenbauer



Ken Buchanan and Audrey Jorgenson take a break on a fire truck during the Rosenbauer tour.

Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – 2008 Ford Taurus SEL 4 door, alloy wheels, AM-FM-CD 6 disc player, auto on floor w/console, leather bucket seats, keyless entry, vanity mirrors, power steering, power brakes, a/c, cruise, near new tires, Sun roof, Exceptionally Clean, never wrecked, clear title, always adult driven, Mom quit driving, (time to move it), Second Owner (my parents), 34,500 miles, Recent trip averaged 26-27 MPG, NADA is \$13,275.00, Make Reasonable Offer, Contact Jerome Miller at 368-2418



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 – 1965 Mustang GT 289 c.i., 4 barrel, automatic. I have the factory air (complete I think) not sure if it works. I also have a factory power steering which like most units today should be overhauled before installing. Also have radio, mirrors, hood hinges and other spare new and used interior parts. This is a real GT and is a solid daily driver. Asking \$17k for this and parts. Chuck Robertson, 605-951-2459, chuckr327@gmail.com



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

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

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