



Cruisin' News

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Cruising Below Zero

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Susan and I just got home from a fun-filled weekend vacation with many of you in Lincoln, Nebraska. The weather this year was colder than ever, but we were able to travel the highways. Again there was a large group of cars that caravanned down together. We arrived at Speedway Motors early enough to pick up some parts and enjoy some time in their lobby before heading across the parking lot to the Museum of American Speed. We had a nice mix of veteran museum goers mingling in with first-time attendees. I enjoy the museum every year; the displays and cars change, the time with friends is always fun and making new friendships is always rewarding. The time visiting with Exhibit Designer, Jarrid Roulet, was interesting and he introduced me to Clay Smith, president of Speedway Motors. Clay and Jarrid both shared how much they appreciate the entire "Great Plains Sioux Falls group." The museum staff also made sure we knew our plaque was on their wall. It was hard to find as part of their massive collection. I look forward to next year as they expect to have their new addition finished.

I shouldn't write about the Lincoln trip without sharing a bit about the fun times, shopping together eating at the local buffet and socializing in the motel lobby. Every year, we laugh and state if we did not fill the rooms, we'd be asked to leave as the laughs and visiting tends to get a little loud.

I never made it to the swap meet on Sunday, but did see many of you guys all bundled up and heading out that morning. I heard later that someone had found and brought home "the machine of their dreams." Funny that it was an old Arens-powered sickle bar mower. As Tom Olsen shared this story of a buddy's find, he exclaimed, "Who'd a thought a person would see a sickle bar mower at an automotive swap meet on a -8 degree morning, and that someone would actually want it." That someone was Jerome Miller... ☺

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.



Felt Like It Was Meant to Be

By Bob Schmeichel

Jayne DeBoer came away from a totally unforeseen divorce with a house and two old cars. The cars were a 1956 Chevy and a 1957 Ford, both 4 doors. She liked the cars a lot, but they were a handful to drive when it came to turning or stopping with either one since everything about both cars was manual without power assistance of any sorts. As nice as both cars were as she drove each periodically, it became evident that they were going to take a little more attention sooner than later to keep driving them comfortably. As much as she hated to do it, she put the two cars up for sale in order to buy something that was easier for her to handle. After about three months, they were sold to good friends that Jayne has known for a while. This made Jayne feel good knowing and seeing that the cars are being taken care of as they deserve. After that, the search was on. People were always quizzing her after that. What kind of car are you looking for? Did you find anything yet, with her response always being, "I really don't know yet, but I'll know when I see it!!" As it turned out, as she was watching the paper for a car that might grab her attention, the summer was coming to an end and nothing really seemed to jump out at her. Then one night while doing her nightly exercise ritual of walking around the area where she lives, she came across a car with a for sale sign on it. It was a 1986 Ford Thunderbird Elan 5.0L V8. Although it wasn't a really old car, it wasn't a new car either, but it was in new condition and very much to her liking. As she was looking at the car, the owner rolled up on a wheelchair and they started talking about the car. The owner had bought the car new and had it equipped with handicap controls so he could drive it. He really loved the car, driving it only in fair weather, but because it was getting harder for him to get in and out of it, he forced himself to put it in storage the last two years to keep it nice. With the near-perfect shape and this model car maxed out with all the available options as well as only 37,000 miles on the odometer, the car grew on Jayne right on the spot. This was it!!! As the owner reluctantly told Jayne what he wanted for his car, she told him she felt it was a fair price but wanted to have one of the fellow car club members look at the car first. Her thoughts and feelings about the car were confirmed by Ken Levene, along with speaking to Don Jones over the phone, which led to her buying the car. This owner too was happy knowing his car was going to someone who appreciated it for what it was. He told Jayne to give him a few days to remove the handicap controls and to make sure everything was tip-top shape before she took it. After a couple weeks later, he called Jayne back telling her the car was ready to go. Jayne had got a call earlier in the day that her brother had passed away. She asked the owner hold the car for a few days while she dealt with her brother's funeral and would come to get the car later.

Time went by and with her brother's funeral behind her; she decided to get the car the next day. After getting the car, she had insurance put in place and drove it to the court house to get all the paper work done in regards to the title. With that done and her emotions still running kind of high, she decided to drive the car to show Don Jones out at his business location. He was very impressed and pleasantly surprised by the overall shape of her new ride and very happy for her. Feeling good about his reaction, Jayne decided to drive to some other car friends and show them as well. Getting the same reaction from them made the day a bit happier for the moment. Then going east on 26th Street through the city to go home things changed. It was mid-day, with heavy traffic going both ways on Minnesota Avenue as she crossed on a green light and was hit in the front by a fast-rolling female rookie police officer going south responding to a murder at a Cost Cutters. Towards the end of the accident scene with her car on a tow service carrier, Jayne called Don Jones telling him her car was coming his way for repair. He was beside himself not really believing it as he had seen her car only two hours earlier. As it turns out, Don did the repair work to Jayne's car, bringing it back to its former shape. Jayne said because of the model of her car and the rarity, it took a while for Don to find the correct pieces to bring it all back together again. Jayne finally drove her car last summer enjoying every moment of the attention the car brings

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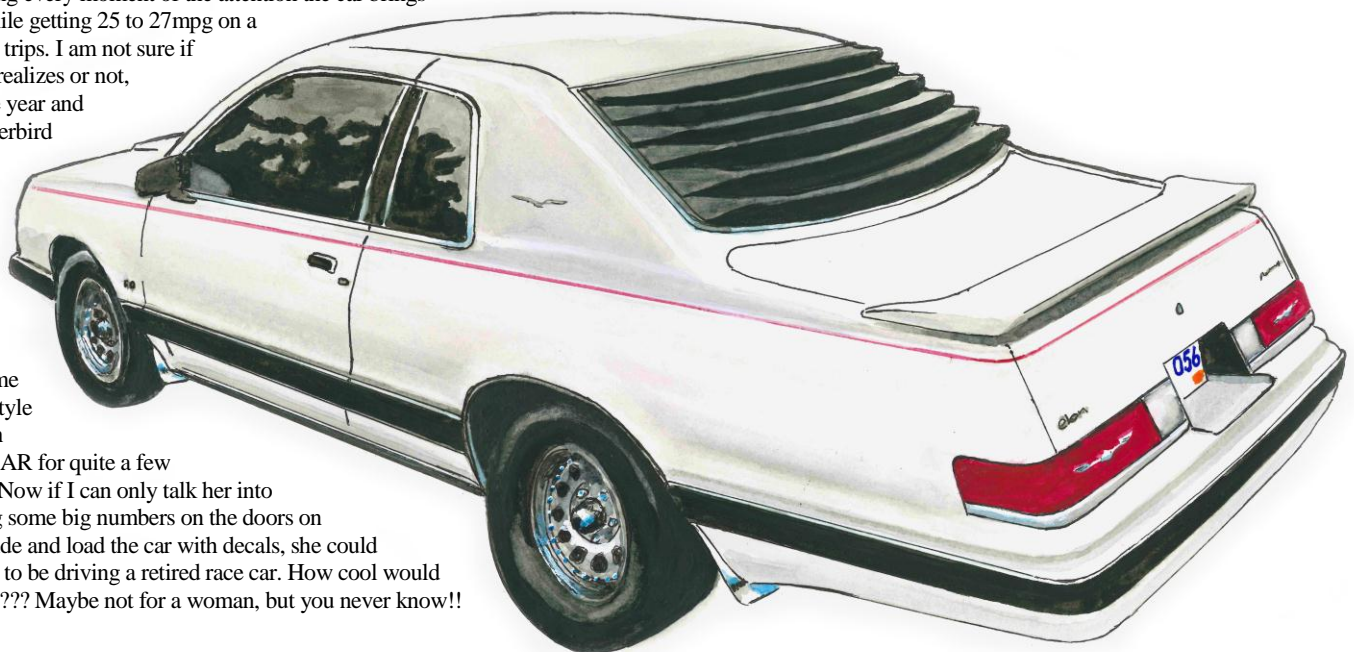
years. Now if I can only talk her into

putting some big numbers on the doors on

each side and load the car with decals, she could

appear to be driving a retired race car. How cool would

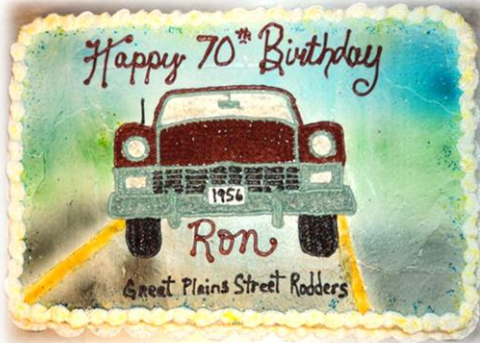
that be??? Maybe not for a woman, but you never know!!



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Happy 70th Birthday

Ron Roe celebrated his 70th birthday on February 23. Ron and Karen have been key club members for many years. Their annual weenie roast is a summer highlight. Ron's most recent car build was his 1956 Nomad. Candy Nelson proved that she too could build a '56 or at least build one into a beautiful, tasty treat. Happy belated birthday, Ron.



Poker Run Help Please

Our Annual Poker will be Wednesday, July 16, please pass the word and invite your friends. With your input, we're currently planning the run to be similar to prior years; a simple drive with fun stops where skill along with luck increases your odds. Tossing bean bags, darts, and washers are some of the fun things at stops. Oh, and "fishing."

As always volunteers are needed. Several people who have worked stops the last few years want to drive the poker run this year. If you want to volunteer to run the fun and games at a stop, let Clay Seachris know.

New Feature Article

Do you like knowing more about your fellow club members? Well, you're in luck. Karen Roe is writing a new monthly article in the April newsletter where she'll share fun facts or interesting stories about club members.

Thanks Sharing History

We give a big thank you to Bill Kullander for a fantastic history presentation on the Car Clubs of Sioux Falls. Bill was the main speaker at a Sioux Falls Historical Society meeting. He shared stories, presented photos and other cool memorabilia from "back in the day." As a current car club, we do our best to keep those days alive and pass along the history. It was great to see one of our younger members Ian Stokes there paying attention along with rest of us. He remembered the evening well and shared it to complete a requirement of his Tiger Cub rank in Cub Scouts. We also thank fellow club member Mark Bowers for his work behind the scenes that evening.



Joe Floyd and Bill Kullander, Igniters Plaque

Thank You Joe & Elaine

We really appreciated our recent Joe Floyd's collection tour. It's always nice to see his rare cars and visit with Joe and Elaine about the collection, Elaine's west river roots and other stuff. Thank you to those that brought baked goodies. Thank you Joe and Elaine for having this wonderful open house.



March Birthdays

(2nd half)

Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Rich Barnes	30
Clair Steiner	30
Scott Brady	31

April Birthdays

(1st half)

Debbie Yesda	4
Serve Kirton	6
Junie Herschberger	15

March Anniversaries

(2nd half)

April Anniversaries

(1st half)

Don and Betty Jones	2
Loren and Shirley Fick	4
Ken and Vicky Levene	4
Ivan and Kathy Buskol	6

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Club Plaques Delivered



Our recent club plaque order was delivered. There was enough interest to get 30 plaques. With that production volume the cost is \$20 per plaque. If you preordered, coordinate your delivery and payment with Clay Seachris.

Winter Touring and Fun Snapshots



Clay Seachris and Terry Jellis clowning around at the Museum of American Speed.



Tom Olsen and Jerry Miller leaving Speedway Motors. Don't tell Joyce that Tom bought more car parts.



Judy Horan, Nancy Jellis, Lori Paulson and Faye Gallagher visit Mt. Rushmore at the Museum of American Speed.



Faye Gallagher and Gary Ebright relax after touring the museum.



Club members relax at the Super 8 after a big meal at the Golden Corral.



One of Joe's '46 Fords in his collection.



Elaine Floyd visiting during her and Joe's open house.



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 Ultimate Sleeper

I know, it's just a plain old Chevy station wagon; not very exciting, right? You're partially right, but this car gave at least some meaning to the term "plain brown wrapper" back in the day. Pictured is one of my best high school buddies, Steve Selvig, and his dad's Saddle Tan '63 Chevy Bel Air wagon. The wagon was powered by the 250 hp, 327 ci engine and had the powerglide transmission. Around 1964-65 Steve drove the wagon regularly and often drove several of us to the races in Sioux City. Once at the races, we popped off the hub caps, opened the exhaust cut-outs, and Steve would go on to win his class (H/Stock Automatic) with the wagon. In addition, we had all-night access to a friend's service station, and we would commonly slip in a set of 4.11 or 4.56 gears for an evening of entertainment around town. (You could do that in about 20-30 minutes with practice.) Many owners of a much higher-powered car were surprised and disappointed when they lined up against this "ultimate sleeper!" As an aside, I took this photo at Johnson Estates mobile home Park on south Western Avenue by I-229; check out that barren landscape.

Meet-n-Eat Schedule and Siouxland Car Council 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.

Mar. 19 – Pizza Ranch East 10th
3809 E. 10th Street, SF

Mar. 26 – VFW
3601 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

Apr. 2 – Crack'd Pot
1430 N. Minnesota Ave., SF

Apr. 9 – Denny's at Flying J
Exit 83, I-29, SF

Apr. 16 – To Be Announced
Due to Acoustic is closed

Apr. 23 – Hibachi Supreme Buffet
1100 West 41st Street, SF,

Apr. 30 – Harris Burgers
106 E. Willow St., Harrisburg

May 7 – Dareo's
2929 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

May 14 – Pizza Ranch East 10th
3809 E. 10th Street, SF

May 21 – 212 the Boiling Point
323 S. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon

May 28 – Lower Sherman Park
805 S. Kiwanis Ave., SF (Potluck)

Jun. 4 – Terry Koch's Race Shop
26846 - 469th Ave., SF

Jun. 11 – J&L Harley Davidson
2601 W. 60th St., SF

Jun. 18 – Handy-Man
910 E 10th St, Sioux Falls, SF

Jun. 25 – Children's Home Society
Root Beer Float Social – We host
801 N Sycamore, SF

Jul. 2 – Lower Sherman Park
Sioux Empire Pontiac Club hosts
805 S. Kiwanis Ave., SF

Jul. 9 – Jack Fox Park
Lincoln County Cruisers hosts
225 N. Broadway, Canton, SD

Classified Ads
(FREE to All Members)



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 – 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 – 1957 Cushman Eagle, Restored to original. 8 HP, If interested call Keith Schmuck 507-227-1430.

FOR SALE – Four New Tires 600 x 16 wide white FORD script Don Hood, 605-261-4655

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

FOR SALE – 1981 Rolls Royce Silver Spur, 79K mi, Lt. Blue color with Navy interior. Well-kept and maintained, always garaged and covered. Neat and clean. Never driven on snow. Looks and drives great. No accidents. Non-smoker. \$18,000, Candy N. 605-376-6252

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



WANTED –Water Pump Pulley double groove for an F E block. Ken Levene 366-1698

FOR SALE – Shop Equipment, Parts Washer, Sioux Valve Grinding Machine, Sioux Valve Seat Grinder, R12 AC Reclaimer, R134 Air-conditioning Reclaimer, A.C. Manifold Gauges, A.C. Vacuum Pump, Baer Wheel Balancer (spin on car), Metal Shaper, Niehoff Cabinets, Sunnen Rod Reconditioning Machine, Auto Repair Manuals. 351-5599

FOR SALE – 1951 8BA Flathead with a Fordamatic transmission runs very nice. Call me, thanks Don Hood 605-261-4655.

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 – Five 14 x 5 GM Steel Wheels, 4 3/4" bolt pattern. Clean, driver quality wheels off a garaged, original Chevy survivor that had little to no winter driving. \$50, OBO. John: (605) 334-2558



WANTED – Old Carter WCFB Carburetor (4-barrell) as used on many Chevrolets from 1955 into the 1960's. I'm trying to get a few gathered up so I can get 2 good ones built from 3 or 4 "parts" carbs. I'm not hung up on any numbers matching on these Tom Olsen 759-6567

STORAGE SPACE RENTAL Call Dale Aurit 334-5005 or 212-5949