



Cruisin' News

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Hey Friends, Are You Interested?

By Clay Seachris

President's message

As the weather begins to hamper our cruising, we adapt and do other social events and take advantage of our close friendships, diverse hobbies and interests. Every winter we rely on each other to share common interests and coordinated socials to grow friendships and experiences beyond just our car enthusiasm. I love cruising, meeting new car enthusiasts and displaying my cars, however, I also cherish our time together away from the hustle and bustle of the car show season. We grow and expand our friendships and rely upon the closeness of the group to share and try new things.

Through the years, some of our off-season adventures have been bus trips to museums, the Capitol's Christmas Tree display, group antiquing days, a computer class, a fraud prevention class, charitable support visits, karaoke parties, garage parties, wine tastings, garage tours and so much more. The events were simple ideas from members who did a little research and asked, "Hey friends are you interested?" We communicate so well that many times it's just about that easy. Thanks to Lori Paulson, we have the groundwork already in place to take over a motel in Lincoln for a spring weekend getaway to tour the Museum of American Speed, shop Harbor Freight and other stores, and check out the Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet.

Thank you so much for a fun summer. If you have ideas for winter or spring activities, please let me know. Refer to siouxlandcouncil.info for all the cruising show schedules, and as always for online newsletters, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com. ☺



Total Talent

By Bob Schmeichel

It is kind of funny how the interest and excitement of restoring a car by one person can rub off on to another person. So was the case of a younger friend of Gary Ebright when he saw the fun Gary was having tinkering around with old cars. He was so intrigued with the idea of himself restoring a car that he bought a 1955 Dodge Coronet from an older neighbor who lived nearby. And the fun began with great enthusiasm.

My experience with restoring a car by yourself has taught me that you have to have a ton of drive or persistence, and most importantly if you don't have it, patience is what you will be forced to learn when following through with a project to the end. As it turned out, four years later in 1993, Gary's young friend had not only tore the '55 Dodge completely apart, but had lost interest in following through with his project. He was about to move and didn't want to deal with the Dodge and all the related parts strewn all over his garage. So he called Gary to see if he had any interest in buying what was in the garage. Gary came over later only to be a bit overwhelmed at what appeared to be a complete basket case of a whole car torn apart. Not wanting to see the car wasted, Gary bought the car and all of the parts for what he thought was a fair price. Buying a car this way sometimes can be frustrating, not knowing where all the parts go since you didn't take it apart. That didn't scare Gary though, as most of the cars from the 50s are actually quite simple compared to today's computerized cars.

After getting the car and all its parts home, Gary thought he should try to get the car running first before he went any further with it. As it turned out, Gary found many burned out items on the car that kept it from starting. Apparently, Gary's young friend had done the damage by trying to start the '55 Dodge with a 12-volt battery. In 1955, Dodges were still using only a 6-volt system. So after replacing all that was necessary, Gary got it running. Once he was at that point with the car and with it being pretty much totally apart in pieces, Gary decided to rebuild everything so he would know what he had. Gary mentioned, because it was a Chrysler product, it got expensive to do. One of the first areas was because of the engine and the unavailability of parts for that year. The beginning of the engine rebuild led him to have a cam shaft reground to have that part close to new, again. Gary commented that his final engine cost him twice as much to rebuild as a small block Chevy. Gary then followed through with rebuilding the 2-speed automatic trans, all the brakes, all the lines and hoses, the radiator, and the gas tank to get the drive train portion of the car all buttoned up. Once that was all done Gary, jumped in with doing all the body work and painting the whole car. He mentioned that the original pink color on the two-tone car wasn't pretty enough, so he used a mauve color he found used on a 1972 Harley-Davidson to give the Dodge more appeal. Gary said he had quite an ordeal and expense finding an original working radio for the '55 Dodge as it didn't come with one from the factory. Next he installed all the glass and started in on the interior. His dear wife then, Judy, who has since then passed away, stitched up a new headliner as well as new seat covers, which Gary installed as well as new carpeting. With all that Gary did on this 1955 Dodge and continues to do with other cars he has built, I think Gary takes the term "multi-tasking" to a new level.

Gary has been driving the Dodge for quite a few years now. He enjoys the fact he can haul five others with him comfortably while getting 18 mpg going down the road in a car he rebuilt and restored with every nut and bolt 59 years old. Think about that!! accomplishment for any one days. My hat is off to Gary!



SCHMEICHEL 2013

Our Gift to Austin

The clubs of the Car Council recently gave an \$800 gift that was matched by another club member as a \$1,000 gift to "A Home for Austin." This gift helps fund building costs for a handicap accessible home. Austin Schoppert-Coffee was born a healthy little boy, however, complications from bacterial meningitis required doctors to remove his limbs. We join the community of Tea to rally around this young boy so he may move freely in his own home and do daily tasks like use the bathroom and get into the bath by himself. Three members gave him his gift and took him for rides. He really enjoyed the rides; I think the drivers enjoyed being with him even more. ☺ Visit any Reliabank to donate to "The Austin Fund" or contact Holly at 605-321-5807.



Helping Isabella Hope

Last month the clubs of the Car Council made an \$800 gift that was matched by another club member to total a \$1,000 gift to help cover the cost of Isabella Hope Larson's chemo treatments for Langerhans cell histiocytosis. Isabella is the 15-month-old daughter of Darrin Larson and the late Jane Halme Larson. Her older brother is Noah. Jane, Isabella's mother, died from a brain aneurysm when she 3 months old before it was discovered that Isabella was ill. She started chemo on her first birthday. Her treatment plan has her undergoing 12 weekly chemotherapies, followed by chemo every three weeks until her second birthday. We wish her and her family the best.



Invite to Meet-n-Eaters

All members and guests are invited to continue Wednesday socializing to build friendships in the cruising offseason. Every October, we transition to a Wednesday Night social supper club and beat the winter blues together. Many locations offer special group rates and buffets for quick and easy service. Like cruise nights, we start arriving around 5:00 p.m. and order, eat and socialize until around 8:00 p.m. We have a committee that sets up the stops and reserves space, so let the hostess know you're a car club member and they'll let you know where we're at. See ya there.

November Birthdays

(2nd half)

Maritta Husman	18
Don Mertens	21
Doug Van Noort	22
Keith Schmuck	29
Darwin Sletten	29

December Birthdays

(1st half)

Paul Rollinger	1
Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Lana Bowers	7
Gary Ebright	11
Vince Jones	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
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Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Car Council Operations

The Siouxland Car Council is volunteers of participating car clubs. You are welcome at planning meetings; there are no officers, just facilitators and helpers. The council is now finalizing the details for 2014 summer cruises. Recent fundraising has basically equaled expense; the Siouxland Car Council has a fund balance for special needs. With a quorum at a meeting the members may discuss and make grants.

Antiquing on Nov. 16

Start at two antique shops near the corner of Tea Road and I-29 at noon, Calico Skies Winery at 3:15 p.m. and dinner at the Market Place Grill in Inwood, Ia., at 5 p.m.

Sympathy Offered

We extend our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Virgene Schrader and her family. Clifford "Buck" Schrader died Monday, Oct. 7. We are fortunate to have Buck as a fellow Great Plains Street Rodder. His sense of humor, love of cars, cruising and socializing were a big asset to our group. The club gave a small memorial gift and has awarded a lifetime membership to Virgene. We look forward to our continued friendship.

Buck Schrader Honored

The 2014 Siouxland Car Council Cruise Season will be dedicated to Buck Schrader. At the October meeting it was a quick, unanimous vote to honor Buck and dedicate the 2014 cruise season in his memory and the history he leaves with our hobby. There are prominent hotrods still in our area known as "Bucky's old hotrod." And the stories of his cruising and spirited driving date back to the late 50s and his Washington High School days.

A Smiling Memory of Bucky

Submitted By Bob Schmeichel

I knew of Buck Schrader since the early 60s when I first started driving. He had a reputation of racing anyone who challenged him with their car no matter where they were at. Quarter mile or top speed, time or place, it didn't matter as he was always ready to go. The fast '59 Chevy Biscayne that basically enabled him to get his reputation earlier in life always

seemed to be his favorite car to go fast with. After buying it new at Jay Shon Chevrolet in downtown Sioux Falls, his immeasurable need for speed made him sell and buy the '59 Chevy Biscayne back four times over the next 30 years. The last time he sold the car was to Ennis Lund, which he regretted the rest of his life.

After selling the sedan and knowing he wasn't going to get it back, Bucky decided to build a '59 Chevy El Camino that he had for a while. About 15 years ago, at the Canton Car Show, I saw the '59 El Camino finished in all its glory. As I walked around Bucky's newly finished shiny red El Camino, he shared how much fun it was and thought it was faster than his earlier Biscayne. I looked at him as he was smiling proudly and said, "We may have to try it sometime." He responded with, "You bet!" while he grinned some more.... I didn't say anything then but I had heard that the engine in the newly finished El Camino was a freshened up 409, which explains why it was a faster version for Bucky.

After the Canton car show was over, we were all heading west to go home, me with my daughter and three neighbor girls in the back seat. As I got on to the on ramp going north on I-90, I noticed Bucky and his '59 El Camino probably a quarter mile ahead of me. He had Virgene and Tyler, his grandson, with him, and we're already going the speed limit. So I pushed my '40 Chevy a little bit to catch up to him and get beside him. As I got up beside him, he gunned it a couple times and the El Camino lunged forward with him smiling

and pointing at the road ahead. After his third lunge forward, I pulled my car into second gear and waved at him as to say good bye and stepped on it at the same time. I got about a half-car length on him and he stayed right there. We both had the hammer down for about 10 to 15 seconds putting us some where close to double the interstate speed limit and then letting off to slow down as we were running out of a clear road in front of us because of traffic. We both idled back to Sioux Falls at 75 mph with the traffic and waved to each other as we parted ways where I-29 and I-90 separate. It was a momentous day for us with each of us meeting our match. My daughter and the girls in the back seat said that was fun, let's do it again, which surprised me. My daughter loves to roll fast to this day because of that experience.

So for the next few years after that, there was always a connection between Bucky and me with one challenging the other to a race with a smile and a pat on the back. Nothing ever happened after that because we had already done it and it remained a happy memory with mutual respect. Recently, I told this story to Virgene and asked her if she remembered that day. She said, "Heck, it probably happened, as we were going fast ALL the time when Bucky was driving." ☺



Buck's '46 Ford Deluxe Coupe.



Jeff & Jean Knowlton's '62 Corvette at Executive Touch

Cruisin' Snapshots



**Ivan & Kathy Buskol's
2000 Corvette at the Tea Airport**



Ken & Vicky Levene's '59 Ranchero at Springdale Church



Scott Bunderson's '30 Ford at J&L Harley-Davidson



Duane & Jackie Olson's 2011 Mustang at Hy-Vee



Mike & Lori Paulson's '67 LeMans at Canton Cruise Night



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.



Ford Drag Council

As most of you know, I'm a die-hard Chevy guy, and back in the 1960s I was virtually blind to any other brand. So, for me to take a picture of a Ford at the U.S. Nationals in 1965, it had to be really something special. And this car certainly was something special! This is Gas Ronda (in the white jumpsuit) and his poppy red 1965 Ford Mustang A/Factory Experimental car. This car was powered by Ford's new SOHC (Single OverHead Cam) 427 engine with hemispherical heads. Stories vary, but between five and eight Mustangs were built for Ford by Holman & Moody (think NASCAR) with this special engine package; all went to racers hand-picked by Ford to represent the "Ford Drag Council" in drag race competition. Gas Ronda was one of the dominant Ford drivers with this car all through the 1965 season, and he went on to race for many more years. As with other pictures from the day, be sure to check out some of the neat cars in the background. Among others, I see a 1960 Chevy wagon, several full-size Fords, and what must be a Hemi powered Dodge right behind Ronda.

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.

**Nov. 20 – VFW – 3601 S. Minn.
Ave., SF, \$3 Burger & Fries**

**Nov. 27 – Pizza Ranch - East 10th
3809 E. 10th St., SF**

**Dec. 4 – Buffalo Wild Wings
2601 S. Louise Ave., SF**

**Dec. 11 – Oogie's Grille & Bar
500 E. 1st St., Tea**

**Dec. 18 – Woody's Pub & Grill
900 S. Marion Rd., SF**

Special Events

Dec. 7 – 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. 7 – Christmas Party – SD Achieve – 4100 S. Western Ave.,

4:30 – Social Begins
5:30 – \$10 Catered Dinner (advance tickets for catering count)
6:30 – Gift Exchange Game

Please bring your "Featured Car Painting" for display. Tickets are on sale – Maritta Husman is selling them at Wednesday socials.

Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – 1967 Chevy C10
454 Big Block, 700R4, 12 Bolt
Rear-end, Tubbed, Chopped,
Shaved, 4 Wheel Power Disc
Brakes, Tilt Box, Boxed Frame,
Power Windows, For More
Information Please Call 366-4883



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decks, electricity, insulated, fire-
proof, insulated floors. Also large
50' x 36' spaces available. Outside
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Security fence. Call Dale Aurit
334-5005 or 212-5949

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.

Recipe

Apple Bundles

From the Kitchen of Joyce Olsen

2 Granny Smith apples
2 8 oz. cans of crescent roll dough
1 cup of butter (2 sticks)
1 ¼ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup brown sugar (optional)

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
1 12 oz. can of Mt. Dew (can be diet)
(like that'll make a difference in how healthy it is)
Ground cinnamon
Vanilla ice cream or Cool Whip

Peel the apples and cut into eighths. Wrap each eighth in a crescent roll triangle. Place in 9X13 greased baking dish. Melt butter in pan on stove - add sugar and vanilla. Cook until mixed, but the sugar doesn't have to be dissolved. Pour over wrapped apples. Pour the Mt. Dew over all. Sprinkle with cinnamon to taste. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or Cool Whip. (It'll look pretty juicy when you put it in the oven but most of the moisture is absorbed when baked)

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 – 1933 Plymouth
Beautiful California Originated
Hotrod, 350/350, Light Tan
Leather Interior, Mustang Front
Suspension, Street Ready, Call
Eric Anderson (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



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 – 1998 Corvette Coupe, White, Firethorn Red Interior, LS1 motor, Automatic transmission, Z06 Chrome Wheels, Michelin Pilot run-flat tires (4,000 miles), ceramic brake pads (4,000 miles), new battery last month, transmission fluid & filter just changed, Transparent roof, Fully loaded, window sticker was \$43,769 new. Have build sheet, window sticker & dealer info packet. This vehicle has won many Corvette Shows in its class. Babied & pampered, very tight & reliable Corvette. At highway speeds 26 to 30 mpg. \$19,500, OBO Contact: Bill Kullander 605 366-1158 or kullbill@sio.midco.net



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

FOR SALE – Four New Tires 600 x 16 wide white FORD script 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 – 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. \$32,500. Contact Bill Kullander 605-366-1158 kullbill@sio.midco.net



FOR SALE – 1971 Chevy Nova SS 396. Restored and ready to go. Most of you know my Nova. I'm selling to move on to other projects Call Ron Husman 359-8946



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



FOR SALE – Enclosed Trailer 2012 Continental Cargo Tailwind 7.5x20 finished interior, E-Track and tie downs. Ideal for Camaro, Mustang, Nova, or your other toys. Excellent condition. \$5,900 Call Ron Husman 359-8946



WANTED – Flywheel Pan for 700R4 transmission (Chevy) need the metal pan for under flywheel/torque converter area. **Stock dipstick tube & dipstick** for the same. Tom 759-6567

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, so please contact me with what you may have laying around. Tom Olsen 759-6567

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

