



# Cruisin' News

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## *Awh, Mom, Just a While Longer*

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Our summer cruising went straight into winter. Hanging out with all you sometimes reminds me of childhood, surrounded by neighborhood friends and never wanting the day to end. This fast transition reminded me of those days playing outside when mom would call me in for the night and I'd reply, "Awh, Mom, just a while longer." Now days though it's Mother Nature and no matter how much any of us pouts, we have to abide by her rules and put away our toys for a while.

We finished the summer cruise season a couple weeks ago with Terry Schulte hosting the cruise at Executive Touch, Subaru. Terry and his crew always do a good job of making it a fun evening. Many members took home neat door prizes and the food was good. Susan and I were also glad to see some longtime friends we don't see that often. As usual I spotted their Barracuda long before we saw them.

Our meet-n-eats kicked off with a cruise to Harris Burgers. Bad weather was on the way, but with the help of smart phone weather radar we relaxed and enjoyed the evening until dark. We had about 40 cool hotrods there and it worked out to get the tri-fives all in a row; Walkers '55, our '56 and Horan's '57. Another highlight of that evening was seeing Larry Snuttjer's pristine, red 1911 Allis Chalmers Roadster.



Thank you so much for a fun summer. We'll keep planning picnics and cruises until the snow flies.

Refer to [siouxlandcouncil.info](http://siouxlandcouncil.info) for all the cruising show schedules, and as always for online newsletters, go to our website [greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://greatplainsstreetrodders.com). ☺





## *Liking the Final Destination*

By Bob Schmeichel

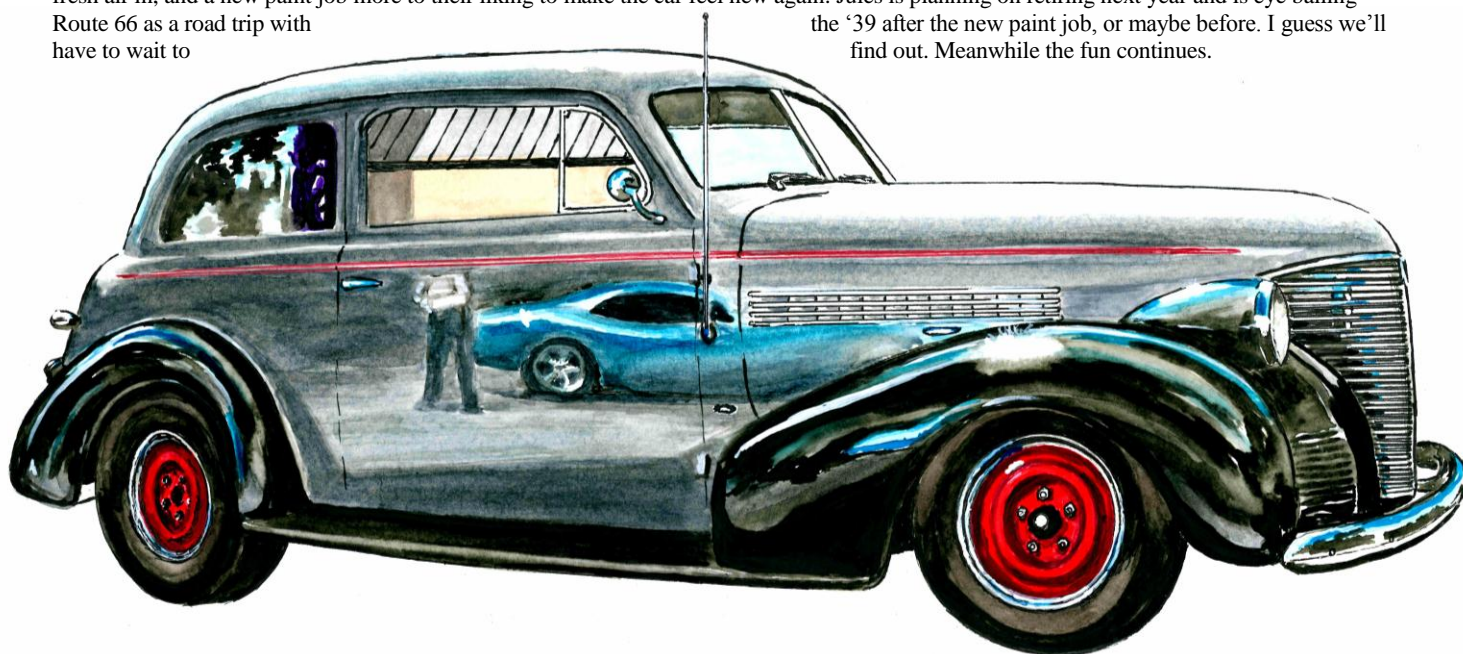
Jules and Marilyn Harper are no strangers when it comes to having their fingers in old cars. They love the attention and the fun of going down a road on a trip with others in a group. It always makes the event more memorable for all involved knowing we are all going to the same destination in an old car.

The first time I met Jules some years ago; he was building a 1947 Ford pickup and turning it into street rod by adding a late model Chevy drive train. When it was done, it drove so easy that Marilyn used it quite a bit to run errands by herself when Jules wasn't driving it. I think the fun began there with that pickup, and Jules has expressed many times that he wished he still had the pickup today.

A short bit after the truck was done, Jules brought a 1941 Chevy two-door sedan home that a mutual friend had who had lost interest in it as a project. Even though it was mostly a rusted-out basket case, Jules dove right in and worked vigorously for a couple years till he had it done. During that build-time frame, the '47 Ford pickup was sold to fund part of their new project. The finished '41 Chevy had a unique sinister look with a chopped top to the bright metallic pink paint. The car was a feature in our archives for reference to check it out. As the car was being built, Jules acquired some other cars along the way to have something to immediately drive to the local events. One car was a rare bright green '75 Corvette as well as a bright yellow 1974 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia along with a Volkswagen beetle. He mentioned something of a stocker 1948 Chevy that he drove briefly also, only to sell it to help pay towards the new project. Jockeying cars around in the garage got to be habit depending on what was going to be driven and when. A couple years later on one fall day, Jules acquired a 1923 Dodge 4-door sedan body shell while visiting some relatives and decided it was going to be his new street rod. In order to fund the new project, the next July the '41 Chevy was sold at Back to the 50s and the '23 Dodge was in the full forward motion of building. Jules started with hand fabricating a frame and adding drive train components as well as chopping the top of the four-door body. As it turned out, it evolved into a nicer, more refined version as seen in the rat rod trend today. I'd say it was probably one of the first going this direction in this area. The end result was noisy and windy because of the lack of door seals and left a bit to be desired with the ride as well it being hot inside with no air conditioning. Jules realized it was all those things but Marilyn clarified it when she said, "We have to have a better car," while pointing out all those issues after a couple of summers of driving it. So a search began for a car that had everything they wanted.

Then in the first part of July in 2010, they found a 1939 Chevy two-door sedan street rod for sale on eBay. After checking it out a couple days later in Springfield, Minnesota, both Marilyn and Jules agreed that it could not be built for the asking price. So they bought it and drove it home. The car itself was equipped with a new 350 Target engine, a 350 Turbo trans and had disc brakes all around. Jules thinks the car was around 10 years old with an OK grey and black paint job along with the finished off velour interior with a heater and air conditioning. Confident the car was going to work for them as-is, the very next weekend they drove it to the Rapid City Rod Run along with a bunch of friends. Loaded down with luggage and gas, on the trip out they noticed the center of the rear end was hitting part of the rear cross member making a loud bang every time they crossed a bridge. Up on arrival in Rapid City, one of the Count members took them to his shop and trimmed out the area on the cross member so it wouldn't be a nuisance the rest of the time out there. Other than that the car has performed pretty flawlessly the last few years getting them where they need to go and home again. Jules said he is a little disappointed that it gets only 15 mpg no matter how fast or slow he drives it. Jules took out the original front seat and installed more comfortable bucket seats that match the rest of the interior. Since they have finally found a car that they both like, there are plans in the future to add power assist for the disc brakes, open up the welded cowl vent to let fresh air in, and a new paint job more to their liking to make the car feel new again. Jules is planning on retiring next year and is eye balling Route 66 as a road trip with

the '39 after the new paint job, or maybe before. I guess we'll find out. Meanwhile the fun continues.



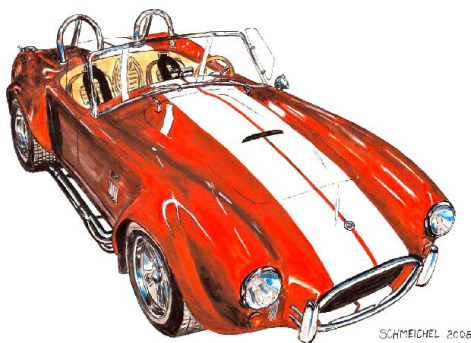


## Over 100 Feature Cars

In July, Bob Schmeichel finished his 100th Great Plains Street Rodder's feature car painting. This month is number 103. Bob and past *Cruisin'* News editor Brian Lee began coordinating this section in April of 2005. Since then many volunteer hours have been spent bringing you this treasure every month. To be featured, you must be a member and have your hotrod at events. As a Feature Car owner, members get to keep Bob's original watercolor painting of your car. The feature car article remains part of the history of the Great Plains Street Rodders. Feature cars are also featured in Motor Market Magazine. You can see all the feature cars on our website. This feature is a way the club gives back and thanks the great members of the club. Through the years the personal painting and writing styles have changed, but the awesome cars and owners have remained. When Brian Lee moved away, Bob took over writing the stories also. He really enjoys the process of building friendships through the interviews and time spent performing this craft. We are proud to have founding-club member Bob Schmeichel as a current members and glad to have him as a friend. Thanks, Bob.



## Past Feature Cars



## 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
Rich Burns	15

## October Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Gary and Deb Bowman	16
John and Sonja Lynch	16
Dwight and Ruby Johnson	20
Bob and Sandy Schmeichel	20
Wayne and Roxie Edbright	31

## November Anniversaries

(1st half)

Jack and Dianne Boatright	4
Rich and Glenna Burns	4
Dale and Joyce Aurit	5

## Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

## Thanks For the Apples

Ron and Karen Roe recently showed up at cruise night with bags of apples from their trees. They had enough for everyone who wanted a bag. So now many of us are enjoying fresh apples. I've heard a number of stories of baked apple desserts. Thanks, Ron and Karen.





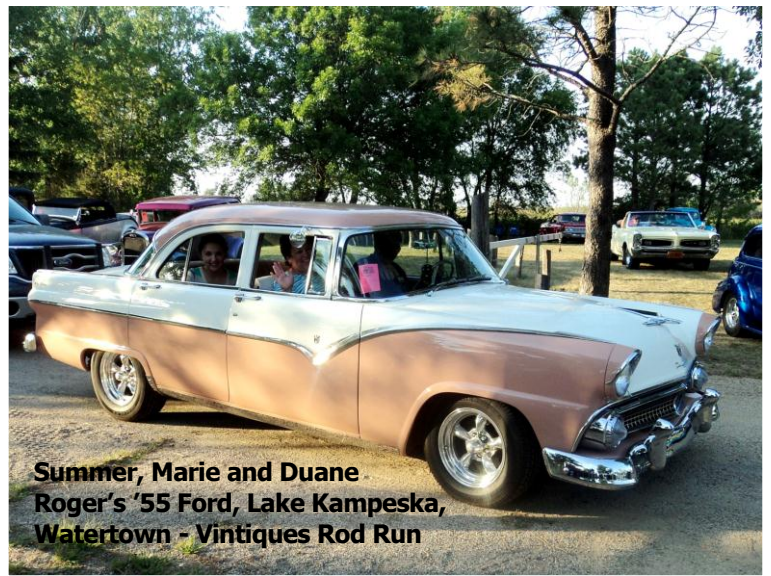
# *Snapshots of Summer*



**Paulson's '49 Chevy truck at the Wegner Arboretum Picnic**



**Larry & Dawn Johnston's '49 Ford at Sonic**



**Summer, Marie and Duane Roger's '55 Ford, Lake Kampeska, Watertown - Vintiques Rod Run**



**Petersen's '66 Chevy at Olsen's Garage Cruise**



**Doug & Laurie Van Noort cruising their '55 Chevy**



## 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.

## Stagecoach

I shot the black and white photo of the "Stagecoach" '56 Chevy wagon at the 1965 National Drags in Indianapolis. The car was a strong contender in G/Stock at the Nationals and was ultimately eliminated only by Jere Stahl (of Stahl Headers fame) in his similar Chevy wagon. All this was of particular interest to me at the time as I was racing my own '56 Chevy wagon in G/Stock back here in the Sioux Falls area. While at the 2012 NHRA Hot Rod Reunion in Bowling Green, KY, I happened to spot "Stagecoach" in the car show area and had a nice visit with the owner. The car is presently owned by a friend of the guy who raced it in 1965, and it has been restored and relegated to cruise night/show & shine duty. "Stagecoach" in 1965 race trim was powered by a dual four-barrel equipped 265 ci engine with a 3-speed transmission. It was neat to see that it has been preserved and is out there for people to 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.

**Oct. 16 – Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet** – 1100 W. 41<sup>st</sup> St., SF

**Oct. 23 – Hy-Vee Deli**  
3000 S. Minnesota Ave., SF,

**Oct. 30 – The Other Place Bar & Grill** - 901 W. 41st St., SF

**Nov. 6 – The Crack'd Pot**  
1430 N. Minnesota Ave., SF

**Nov. 13 – Denny's at Flying J**  
Exit 83, I-29, SF, Private Room

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

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

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

**Dec. 7 – Christmas Party – SD Achieve** – 4100 S. Western Ave.,  
Gift Exchange, Catered Dinner

**Dec. 11 – Oggie's Grille & Bar**  
500 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Tea

**Dec. 18 – Woody's Pub & Grill**

**Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas**  
No social gathering

## Special Events

**Oct. 12 – Metro Station Wine Tasting Social**

906 E. Redwood Blvd., Bandon  
4:00 the social and snacks begins  
*Bring your favorite wine and/or some food to share. "You don't need to drink or even like wine to attend."*

**Oct. 19 – Great Planes Street Rodders**  
Lincoln Co. Airport, 8:00 – 12:00  
*Free pancake breakfast with scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee to all those that bring a hotrod. Cool Planes and cool cars coming together for a youth group fundraiser.*

## **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



**FOR SALE – 1936 Plymouth**  
**Coupe** Street Rod Project  
1935 Top chopped 4", Floors and  
trunk replaced. Extra front & rear  
fenders, hood side panels, radiator  
shell, bumpers, chrome trim for  
side panels & garnish moldings  
(that match chop) New running  
boards, 9" rear end (not in car),  
Have small block Mopar 273 with  
4 barrel intake & 904 trans (needs  
rebuilt) Monte Carlo suspension,  
Mustang rack, Mid 70's Chrysler  
Steering column, New Lokar shifter  
(still in box). Price \$6,500 firm.  
Wayne Gaddis 605-929-7803,  
Cindy Gaddis 605-351-6247



## **Recipe**

### **Easy Pumpkin Cake**

*From the Kitchen of Susan Seachris*

#### **Cake:**

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 15 oz. can pumpkin
- ½ cup water

#### **Frosting:**

- 1 package vanilla instant pudding
- 1 container Cool Whip

Stir together the dry cake mix, pumpkin and water. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Mix dry pudding mix into the Cool Whip and frost cake when cool.

**FOR SALE – 1976 Ford Torino**  
**Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i.,  
auto transmission.  
Call Ken Buchanan 212-2821

**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 – 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

**WANTED – One 14" Wheel**, for  
a spare, 4x108mm or 4x4 ¼" lug  
nut pattern. Popular 80's Ford  
Pattern: Mustang, T-Bird, Cougar  
etc. Call 334-6072

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

**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 – 2 Goodyear Tires**  
Eagle ST P235/60R14. Like New.  
Call 334-6072

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

**STORAGE SPACE RENTAL**  
12' x 21' wide, 12' high inside,  
with one or two 10' x 12' upper  
decks, electricity, insulated, fire-  
proof, insulated floors. Also large  
50' x 36' spaces available. Outside  
storage available. Surrounded by  
Security fence. Call Dale Aurit  
334-5005 or 212-5949

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

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