



Cruisin' News

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An Active Bunch

By Clay Seachris

President's message

It was an active month cruising, overeating and spending time with friends. I continue getting emails from businesses wanting to have hotrods stop, and I do my best to share. With so many car events, we seem to be split up more every year. Smaller groups work out great, also; we all have our own interests. Many businesses and show coordinators ask, "Why can't we get more of you guys to show up at our show?" I continue to answer, "Because there's a lot of competition for us to show now." At times I refer to our cars as "Being the stars" and as with many stars, something special is necessary for them to show up and show off.

Wow, the night at Tom and Joyce's place was fun as a majority of us were at the event together. So many things made that a perfect evening: weather, grass parking, food, fellow street rodder hosts, visiting with some friends, and seeing cool cars we don't see all the time. We look forward to next year.

A similar event and club favorite is coming up; the annual club Weinie Roast at Roe's is Saturday, August 17. Try to make this memory-making event hosted by Ron and Karen Roe. Their green space, fire pit, trees and shops offer a perfect setting for a fun evening. The night is so much more than just hotdogs, as many bring potluck items to compliment a great meal. Kids of all ages enjoy playing games, visiting, cooking food on a stick and eating s'mores. There are rumors again of a Monarch butterfly release event, also. You may bring your cruiser that night, but don't feel it's necessary, just attend and enjoy. If you do drive a street rod, try to park on the east side facing the sun for photos. Also, because of the great backdrop, Bob Schmeichel, myself and others may take pictures of you as you drive up.

Refer to siouxlandcouncil.info for all the summer cruising show schedules, and as always for online newsletters, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com. ☺



A Sentimental Connection

By Bob Schmeichel

Anyone who grew up as a teenager in the 1960s knows it was a much simpler and more innocent time. Kids created their own fun with friends who have lasted a lifetime. There were no cell phones or video games to occupy our time. In fact most of our time, when we were awake, was spent outside running around playing ball, fishing, swimming, or riding our bikes, and playing hard till it got dark. There was seldom a concern where we were or what we were doing as everyone knew their acceptable limits. Stepping over the boundaries would get you an introduction to dad's belt. No respect or love was ever lost for a parent who instructed this way. When a teenager became a driver at age 14 with a learner's permit, cars became a major factor that gave teen drivers an independence that lasts the rest of their lives. The movie *American Graffiti* truly epitomizes that time anywhere in this country. People then did come to recognize that a car was a reflection of the owner's personality, thus leading to the owner's customizing or hot rodding whatever they drove to make it their own. This still happens today, which keeps the car hobby fun no matter what you do with your ride. I believe there is an unspoken respect or bond by all who play with cars into their adulthood that keeps the hobby alive, along with some going in new directions pushing the so-called envelope to individual extremes, starting new trends.

Scott Brady grew up in the small town of Wakonda, South Dakota, hanging out and working at his dad's garage repair business in the 60s and 70s. Learning the basic fundamentals from his dad was a big factor that has led him to being a certified technician today. Scott mentioned that even though it is hard to keep up with learning the ever-changing differences between models each year, the challenge keeps it fun. He said once you understand the basics, as his dad taught him, it's easy. He did express that it is getting harder every year to beat the allotted flat-rate time given on warranty work to make extra money. While I visited with him about the story of his car, he had just finished up dropping the engine, transmission and front suspension as a unit out of a van in order for the in-house body shop to replace a damaged frame rail on one side that was caused by an accident. Scott said he really enjoys this type of work and can make a little more money if he pushes himself because it is not warranty work. With the cost of vehicles today being high, quite often they will be repaired before they are totaled out any more when they are in accidents.

When I finally got around to questioning Scott about the 1964 Dodge that he and his wife, Bunny, have, he started by telling me about when they were first married in 1975. They had a 1966 Mustang (that they still have today) and a 1964 Plymouth. When they started to have a family, the '64 Plymouth was traded for something newer to get them where they needed to go. Although the years had gone by rather quickly, the '64 Plymouth was not forgotten and had a sentimental soft spot for both of them in their hearts for that time in their lives. Then two years ago while attending the Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown, a 1964 Dodge showed up with a for sale sign on it. Although it wasn't a '64 Plymouth, the car brought back enough memories that they decided to buy it. So, with the car being totally as it came out of the factory and only 45,000 original miles, Scott and Bunny felt as though they have recaptured part of their past. The only addition Scott has added to the car is a set of mag wheels that you would have seen on a car back then. Scott says besides the car being in great shape for its age, they love hauling the grand kids around giving them the old-time experience of riding around in a car that is almost 50 years old. Can you imagine what cars will look like 50 years from today or if we'll even have cars? Makes you wonder, doesn't it since technology is advancing almost faster than we can comprehend while we watch.



Thanks

On behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to Bob Schmeichel for the wonderful painting of my car. I was surprised to see it in the July newsletter. Bob, your talents are unbelievable, and I cannot begin to tell you how much this means to my wife and me. I was truly honored that you chose us. One of my goals after we joined the GPSR was to try and get my car good enough to even be considered for one of Bob's paintings. Bob, again, I can't tell you enough how much I appreciate your talents and our painting. It is already hanging on the wall at home. Judy and I also really appreciate all of the friendships and camaraderie that have been extended to us since we joined the Great Plains Street Rodders. All of your expressions of kindnesses have deeply touched us. We are the lucky ones to have all of you as our friends. Thanks Again.

Gale and Judy Horan



Thanks Chauffeurs

Every year, I'm so fortunate to have the convertible drivers of the Great Plains club show up and chauffeur the titleholders in the Classic Car Parade. Thank you, Jessie Brower, the Little Miss Canton Pageant Director.



A Recent Lunch Cruise

The recent Rock Rapids cruise had 20 cool cars cruising by corn fields and through the crowded streets at Granite Threshing Days. We enjoyed a nice meal and visit to Island Park and Zoo. Weather was perfect for a Sunday cruise. Thanks again to Candi Hanson for coordinating and all those who made this memorable.



Poker Run News

The annual poker run was a hit again. We had an increase in players, so the total payout also increased. The hot hands were:
Best hand – Judy Horan
2nd place – Jean Knowlton
Worst hand – Lana Bowers
Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the stops and all the participants who added to the fun! We're already keeping a list of volunteers for next year and looking at revisions like starting at a centrally located park with shade.



August Birthdays

(2nd half)

Ron Jellis (<i>Happy Belated</i>)	4
Dale Aurit	17
Deb Bowman	17
Betty Heidebrink	17
Judy Bentson	18
Jean Knowlton	18
Jeff Knowlton	19
Shirley Alby	19
Glenn Walker	20
Robin Miller	22
LaNette Munce	27
Terry Koch	28
Garry Remme	28
Laurie Nussbaum	28

September Birthdays

(1st half)

Jayne DeBoer	1
Chuck Kellogg	2
Jeannine Ogle	4
David Frock	6
Marilyn Meyers	7
Sean Ahlers	8
Julie Slumskie	10
Linda Elliott	11
Dianne Corkill	12
Sheila Miller	14

August Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Ron and Karen Roe	23
Craig and Laurie Nussbaum	27
Don and Carolyn Hood	29

September Anniversaries

(1st half)

Kevin and Cheri Kappenman	6
Kirk and Michelle Lee	7
Verlyn and Barb Ramse	8
Bones and Candi Hanson	11
Keith and Darla Schmuck	11
Scott and Bunny Brady	13
Jason and Christina Jellis	15

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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



Summer Cruising



Carlotta & Candy took a T-Bird for a test drive at the Colton Cruise.



The Knowlton's at the Poker Run.



Vince Jones' new toy.



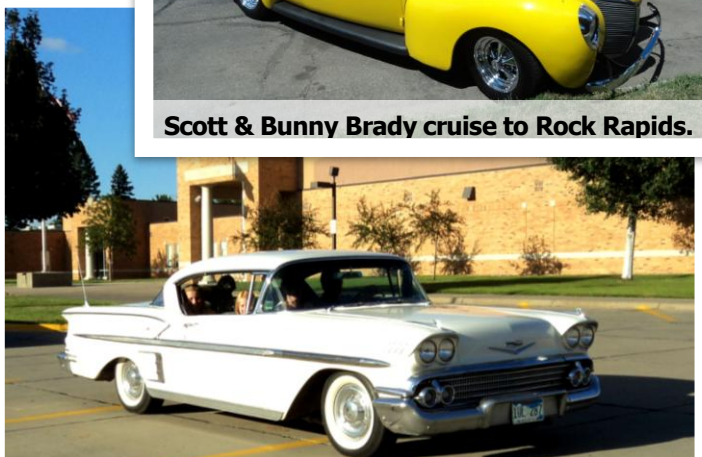
Kullander's '47 Ford and Heidebrink's '51 Olds at Sherman Park.



Scott & Bunny Brady cruise to Rock Rapids.



Mike Paulson models his pageant apparel before the Canton Classic Car Parade. 😊



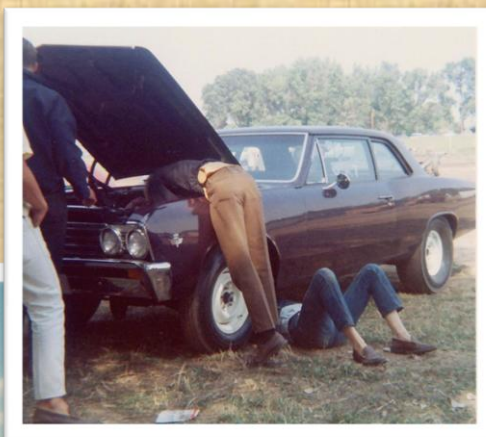
Don & Pat Reichert's '58 Impala at the Canton Parade.

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.



Moby Grape

This "Royal Plum" 1967 Chevelle 300 was a local car and another one of my top favorites from back in the day. An old friend of mine, Jerry Jordan, owned this car for most of its time in the area. The car was ordered primarily for drag racing, although it was street driven during its early life. It was equipped with the 327ci/325hp engine, a Muncie 4-speed transmission, and no creature comforts. This model came with rubber mat floor covering instead of carpet, and it had Chevrolet's bottom-of-the-line seats and interior furnishings; it was also ordered without a radio. (It may have even had a "heater delete.")

As Mike and Lori Paulson can attest, the Royal Plum color in 1967 was quite a rare color. (Based on the color, someone in our crowd nicknamed the car "Moby Grape." Hey, it was the '60s, what would you expect?) Jerry raced this in Stock classes for a short while and then converted it to race in Super Stock classes with a wild cam, extensive engine modifications, and 9-inch slicks. At some point in the late 1960s, I came close to buying this car, but moving around in the Army at the time prevented that from happening. It disappeared from the area by early 1970, and I have no idea where it might be now.

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. For more information and additional cruises, check out the Schedule on siouxlandcouncil.info

Aug 21 – VA Car Show

2501 W. 22nd Street, SF

Aug 28 – Bethany Meadows Show

3008 E. Aspen Blvd., Brandon

Sept 4 – Sonic / Northern Tool

3910 W. 34th Street, SF

Sept 11 – First Reformed Church

4800 S. Tomar Road, SF

Sept 18 – Arby's – E. 10th

2729 E. 10th Street, SF

Sept 25 – Executive Touch (Revised)

1011 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

Terry Schulte's offering door prizes etc.

Cruise Season "Officially" Ends

We'll be cruising til the snow flies. ☺

Aug 14 – Annual Weinie Roast

At Ron and Karen Roe's home, 48282 Creekview Circle, Brandon Social at 5:00 p.m. - dinner at 6:15 p.m. Hotdogs & drinks provided by our club. You may bring salads, desserts or a hot-dish. S'mores and marshmallow roasting begins as the sun goes down. You may bring lawn games. Don't forget your bag-chairs and maybe a lap blanket or jacket as it gets cool, even by the fire after dark. Hotrods are optional as the sun is going down earlier now. Bring your kids and grandkids to this event as the children have lots of space to run and enjoy themselves.

Oct 2 – Meet-n-Eat Schedule Begins

Every October, Great Plains Street Rodders transition to a supper social club. Street rods optional. Please join us. Thanks to meet-n-eat committee negotiation, some places offer special group rates, free meeting rooms, etc. Guests and children are welcome. The Meet-n-Eat Committee, Terry & Sandy Peterson and Gary & Audrey Jorgenson are already working on the schedule. Your ideas and input are appreciated; please share with them as they work with places for our growing group to continue socializing. ☺

Classified Ads
(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – 1967 Plymouth Belvedere GTX 2 Door Hard Top
First year Plymouth built GTX model, Matching numbers car, Complete restoration 10 years ago, 440 (375 HP) Super Commando original motor, 727 automatic transmission, 323 posse rear end - all been rebuilt, Have extra parts for 67 (doors, trunk lid, hood, and new, weather stripping still in box) \$40,000 appraisal, \$29,500 firm, Wayne Gaddis 605-929-7803, Cindy Gaddis 605-351-6247



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

Potato Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 large package (32 oz.) frozen hash brown potatoes
- 2 cups sour cream
- 6 tbsp. butter
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese

Mix hash browns, sour cream, cheddar cheese, cheddar cheese soup and cream of chicken soup together. Put in a 9x13 baking dish. Dot with butter and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered for 1½ hours at 325 degrees.

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 – 1955 Ford Car hood (good condition), **SD license plates**, pairs; 1955, 57, 58, 59.
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

WANTED – Your Classified ads
Free to all club members,
Just email or reply to any club message.
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