



Cruisin' News

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Bound to Be Happy

By Clay Seachris

President's message

The weather this year for the annual Children's Home Society Ice Cream Social was as good as it gets. It was a hot evening, but not near as hot as previous years. This event always represents us well and shows off our willingness to share our time and cars to make others happy. It also reinforces the principle that by making others you happy, you are bound to be happy, also. Thank you to all the volunteers and all those in attendance for pulling off another great root beer social. We're already looking forward to next year.

I didn't make it to Back to the Fifties this year, but I have enjoyed hearing the stories of the fun and not-so-fun times together. It sounds like you guys bonded by surviving the storm. Also, it seems the women had fun heckling poor Bones as his storm-torn '39 Chevy got towed into the show. The storm gets the blame, although I hear stories of a streetrodder who thought he owned an Amphicar. His mechanical fan under water next to the radiator proved otherwise. It was cool of Ken to roll his car off his trailer, load the injured Chevy and let Bones drive an all-original Edsel home. Great to see Bones has the '39 already fixed. As aptly stated by a Back to the Fifties cruiser, "We survived hell and high water."

A group of us just got back from the Heartland Nationals in Des Moines. It was a fun weekend and as exhausting as ever. All the streetrods in our group ran well, so no hard-luck stories. It was a hot cruise, so it was nice that all our rods had air conditioning. These weekend vacations together are always memorable and it's cool to see the comradery. Even the most difficult situations are made easier when you're surrounded by friends.

Mid-July always marks the half-way point of our cruise season. The cold, wet summer weather hampered some of our cruises, but join in and enjoy as much as you can, there are many more things still planned. Refer to siouxlandcarcouncil.info for all the summer cruising show schedules, and as always for online newsletters, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com. ☺



Keeping It Old School and Original

By Bob Schmeichel

When I think back over the last 50 years, I can't believe the reality of how many cars from the '30s to the '80s have been wasted by choice for one motor sport or another. In the earlier years, a majority of cars were cut up and turned into dirt track circle racers. Many of those desirable cars today, the 30s through the 70s, were lost to that ongoing picture. Another event that continues with the demise of a large group of cars is the destruction derby and usually happens at local county fairs yearly. Although I understand it is a source of entertainment for the moment and a way of recycling steel back into the system to build new cars, but come on. Not everyone wants a new car payment and we are losing history as we watch. I suppose I am a bunch on the extreme side getting excited about a pile of tin that was formed into a specific old shape years ago and rolling down the street on four tires, but that is just me.

I can't tell you how many times I have seen an original car from the '40s or '50s driven into an event like a destruction derby with a very cherry body before hand, only to be destroyed in a very short period of time. It really kind of sickens me even though I know we can't have or save everything. I do know for a fact that an old car, even when it is original, will gather up more attention than a new car. Whether being driven on the street or parked, I don't think I have ever seen a negative reaction from anyone. People will always walk up to an old car asking questions directed towards the owners or commenting, "That's the way it really was," while smiling and pointing to other things in the car to educate younger people with them. It is fun to see the interaction between young and old this way still. Yet that seems to be disappearing today because of technology. Everyone is so busy looking at and wanting to be bothered by their iPhone continually that face-to-face socializing is being lost between all. Cars have always been part of a person's identity or personality that garnered up friends to do things with. Today most young people, in general, would rather just turn the key and go, while caring less what their ride looks like. In fact, there is more emphases placed on the constant receiving and sending of texts with no mind messages to the 9,000 friends they think they truly have who will surely be there in a time of need face to face.

Gale Horan is a guy driven by hanging on to the past and the way it was. He told me he has always loved '57 Chevys as his favorite car as far back as he can remember. Although we have all seen a majority of '57 Chevys lost, as told in the first part my story, Gale never gave up, searching until October 2012 to find what he was looking for. Because of his persistence, he found himself lucky enough, at this point in his life, to come across a '57 Chevy four-door hardtop advertised on Craigslist – better late than never. Even though it wasn't a two-door car, which was his first desire, he felt that he should seriously consider it since he had been looking so long. So, two days later after finding it on the computer and seeing the car in person, he actually brought it home from Corning, Iowa.

Now that he has had the car for awhile, he is glad he grabbed it up as he is finding out that four-door hardtops are actually kind of rare. Since the car is a totally rust-free, nice, complete original car with many options, Gale decided to keep it in its original form. With its 283 4-barrel Powerglide transmission combination, the car has many original options that usually go unseen for the era. Besides the factory air conditioning and the dual, rear-mounted antennas, the car is loaded with extra outside trim pieces front to back. Any free time Gale has he continues to improve the original car by installing new tires and new aluminum sail trim panels. Apparently some of the gauges and radio didn't function when he bought the 56-year-old car home car too, so he had those rebuilt to factory specs. There is one fact that remains constant and that is keeping an old car original can cost more money than updating it with modern replacement items. Gale told me that his wife, Judy, is his biggest supporter with keeping their 1957 original, while they both enjoy taking the grand kids for rides in the '57 whenever they can, creating new memories for everyone where ever they go.



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Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Laurie Van Noort and her family. Laurie's sister-in-law, Deborah Larson, passed away June 21 from injuries received during a storm at Lake Poinsett. Laurie's brother, Jim, is recovering from his injuries.

Thanks Given

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers after the loss of my sister-in-law, Deb. We appreciate the support from our streetrodder friends and family during this difficult time for our family. Heartfelt thanks from Laurie and Doug Van Noort.

Thanks From CHS

Thank you so much to everyone who came to see us last night. What fun it was for everyone. We appreciate everyone taking the time to come, show their great cars, bring the HotWheels cars, headbands, root beer and ice cream. I saw a couple of the kids the next day and they were still talking about how great it was. ☺ Thank you so much for all that you do. Mari DeBerg, SF Children's Home Society Volunteer Coordinator.



A Dow Rummel Thanks

In addition to getting a free meal, we got many thank you's for showing our streetrods at Dow Rummel Retirement and Assisted Living Facility. Our cars really brighten their day. A staff member stated that they heard car stories for weeks after this event. Apparently many of those stories are from their residents' youth and share fun accounts of what went on in the back seats of those big cars "back in the day." ☺



Our Annual Poker Run

Our Annual Poker is Wednesday, July 17, 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. We usually have two couples per stop to keep it fun. Let Clay Seachris know if you would like to help. Thanks.



July Birthdays

(2nd half)

Betty Jones	17
Roger Van Noort	20
Bones Hanson	21
Kirk Lee	23
Janet Gannon	24
Terry Peterson	25
Barb Buchanan	29
Gary Bockorny	30
Melvin Holmbeck	30
Art Slumskie	31

August Birthdays

(1st half)

Vicky Levene	2
Joyce Olsen	5
Owen McKittrick	6
Cheri Kappenman	6
Brian Lee	7
Terry Jellis	9
Laurie Van Noort	12
Josh Frock	13

July Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Tom and Joyce Olsen	19
Dustin and Shanda Gronseth	24
Rick and Chris Johnson	28
Dale and Pat Kiebach	29
Art and Julie Slumskie	31

August Anniversaries

(1st half)

Josh and Lisa Frock	4
Mike and Jean Tlustos	7
Darwin and Jane Sletten	8
Ron and Jackie Heemstra	14
Jules and Marilyn Haper	15
Doug and Laurie Van Noort	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 Is Here



Jim Kuhle's '34 Ford on a cruise to Hy-Vee Deli



GPSR members at the 40th Annual Back to the Fifties



Relaxing at the Children's Home Society Root Beer Social



Kent & Terri Reilly's '37 Dodge at Children's Home Society



Terry and Nancy Jellis' '71 Jeep at Dow Rummel



Ron & Lynn Hammerschmidt's '34 Ford at J&L Harley's Cruise



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.



Nice Paint

John Hagen was a very popular Mopar racer out of St. Paul Minnesota; he campaigned his cars locally as well as at national events around the country. In this picture in the pits at Thunder Valley Dragway, we see two of John's beautiful hemi-powered racers in 1970 or '71. The paint schemes on his cars were always top-notch and something for other teams to aspire to. I particularly like the lace paint scheme on the '68 Hemi-Cuda in the foreground; the whole lace theme was popular on racecars as well as hot-rods and customs in the 1960's. The paint scheme on the Pro Stock car in the background also is quite distinctive for the day. Both of these cars were a serious threat wherever they were raced.

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

Jul 17 – GPSR Poker Run & Hot Summer Nights

Volunteers for Stops Needed
100% payout divided 3-ways

Jul 21 – Sunday Lunch Cruise

Rock Rapids, Afternoon Buffet

Jul 24 – Wall Lake, Ford Club Host

Wall Lake Township

Mon, Jul 26 – Trail Ridge Retire.

Root Beer Float Show-n-Shine

Jul 31 – Luxury Auto Mall, Pontiac

Club Host, 4410 W. 12th Street, SF

Aug 7 – Olsen's Garage, Tom & Joyce's

2409 W. 56th street, Sioux Falls, SD
\$7.50 Taco Bar with a drink

Aug 14 – Riverdale Park, Potluck

2000 E. 24th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

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 – SV Energy Bldg. Potluck

108 N. Heritage Road, Brandon
2013 Cruise Season Officially Ends

Oct 2 – Meet-n-Eat Schedule Begins



July 27th – Classic Car Parade
7:00 p.m start time. Convertible owners see Clay to chauffeur.



Recipe

Strawberry Lemonade

Ingredients:

1 pint small strawberries, hulled and halved
A few sprigs fresh mint
1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar
6 cups water or add some club soda for carbonation
12 lemons, juiced

Add the berries and mint to a glass pitcher and muddle with a wooden spoon.

In a large pot add the sugar, to taste, and 2/3 cup of water. Cook over medium heat until the sugar dissolves. Pour over the strawberries.

Stir in the lemon juice and fill the pitcher with the remaining water. Chill or pour over ice and serve.

Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



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

FOR SALE – 1967 Stick, 67K mi,
Royal blue w/speckles, Volkswagon
original engine with roll bar, racer
seats, steering wheel, new struts two
years ago. Owned for 30 yrs. Always
garaged & covered. Includes heavy
duty canvas cover. \$5000, Candy N.
605-376-6252

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

FOR SALE – Mag Wheels, Four
unilug mag wheels; two 14x7.50
and two 14x 6.75 tires. Yours for
\$200. Jack Boatright , 370-2315



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

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

**FOR FREE – Wide White Wall
Tires**, (4) G78-14 bias-ply, 80%
tread left, Call Gale 553-2583

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 – One 14" Wheel, for
a spare, 4x108mm or 4x4 1/4" lug
nut pattern. Popular 80's Ford
Pattern: Mustang, T-Bird, Cougar
etc. Call 334-6072