



# Cruisin' News

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## Cruisin Full Throttle

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Every summer it seems there are more and more weekend events to choose from for us car enthusiasts. Some June weekends there are as many as five local area shows for us to choose from. Weekday evening events have become more popular, also. There are currently some fun evening events on the schedule that offer free food for us to attend and show off our cool cars. The cars are the stars; it's nice to get something for bringing those stars to the shows. Thank you to the show coordinators for supporting our hobby.

We'll all be cruising full throttle to show up at all the Wednesday, other weekday evening cruises and weekend events. Some of the upcoming shows and events I'm looking forward to attending are The Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Car Show and Pancake Feed "Wings and Wheels" at the Lincoln County Airport, the 40th Annual Back to the Fifties in St Paul, Quarry Days in Dell Rapids, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive Inn and Car Show at Dow Rummel Village, GoodGuys Heartland Nationals in Des Moines, Inwood Cruise-In Car Show, and the Angels With A Dream Car Show at Great Bear. I'll be missing a number of fun shows in June; just because of timing I'll miss the Black Hills Rod Run, Teapot Days, Hartford Jamoree Days, Marion's Summer Celebration, Beresford's Wheels-n-Squeals and Lennox's Annual Evening Cruise. We're always glad to use your member-cars photos in the newsletter from these events, so please share those digital photos with me at [President@GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com](mailto:President@GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com) and I'll pass them along in the newsletter and on our website.

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



## *Always Wanted*

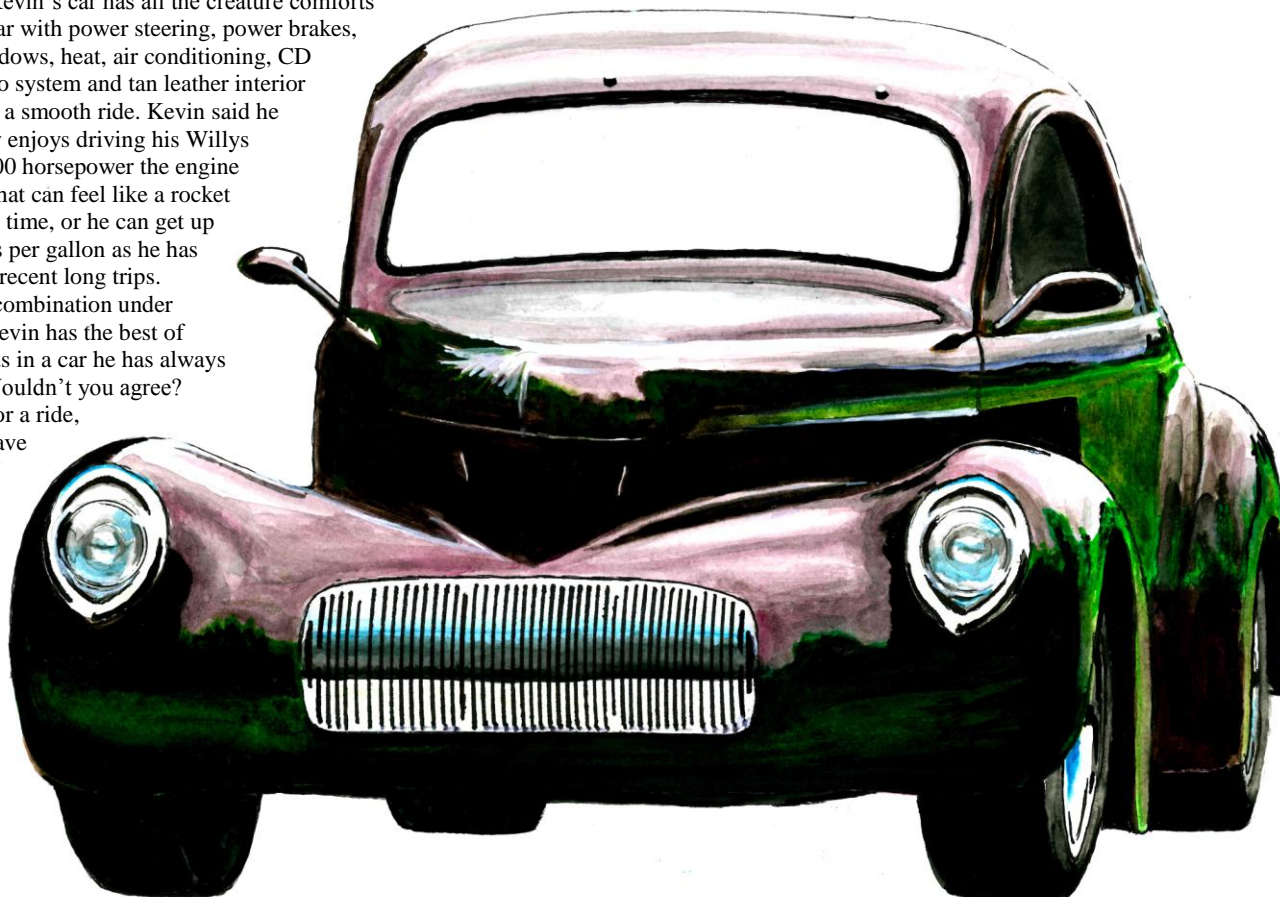
By Bob Schmeichel

Some cars leave an impression or an absolute mark in your brain for one reason or another that can last a life time. The appeal doesn't go away. If you were around drag racing in the 60s, you would have noticed both 1933 and 1941 Willys cars becoming iconic to the scene. This happened not only because of their light-weight bodies, which helped speed but also because of their mean outward visual appearance. I have often wondered how passing along human traits to a car had evolved, but I guess it has always been as a way of relating thoughts or impressions from one guy to another. I have also got to believe that the body shapes of these Willys cars had a lot to do with their racing success, too. More specifically the '41 Willys with its sharply chiseled nose hood going to its swoopy back end looks as though it was designed in a wind tunnel. Because of everything I have mentioned above, Kevin Kappenman has always wanted a '41 Willys coupe as far back as he can remember.

So in February of 2009, (notice this time frame) Kevin started out on a trek with a trailer in tow, to see an unfinished '41 Willys project car in Atlanta, Georgia. In route going south, he picked a buddy of his in Arlington, Texas, to help him out with checking and getting the car. Kevin and his buddy were surprised having to drive from Arlington, the whole 850-plus miles to Atlanta in a blizzard, which wasn't expected earlier in the week. Upon arrival Kevin saw the car was a new build, but only a roller with a tube frame and fiberglass body. It had a Mustang II front end and a narrowed 9" Ford rear end with no engine or trans. Although it was missing a lot of pieces, the present owner couldn't afford to finish it. So Kevin bought the car for what he thought was a really fair price. After pushing the car into the trailer and tying it down, Kevin and his buddy headed out into the blizzard again that continued all the way back to Arlington, Texas. On the trip back, Kevin commented how people down South get stupid driving in a blizzard. He couldn't believe how many would become idiots and wind up in a ditch in front of him after they passed him while he was pulling his car trailer on the slick roads. It became a stressful source of predictable entertainment.

After getting the car back to Sioux Falls, it sat in Kevin's garage for over a year while he gathered parts to finish the car. Then in August 2010, it was taken to Color Mystic to let Don and Mike Jones handle the rest of the mock up, finish, and final assembly of the car. Kevin had located a newer Hemi engine and automatic overdrive trans out of a wrecked 2004 Dodge Durango with 18,000 miles on it for the Willys. The trans had to be converted from 4-wheel drive to 2-wheel drive before it was installed. After the engine-trans combination was installed into the Willys frame, the entire car was blown apart and much extensive body work began. It took careful planning how things were going to come together with the finished painted car. One of the things that I really enjoy when it comes to building cars that was done on Kevin's car was the custom mixed one-off finished color. There is nothing neater than having something no one else has to set your car off. Now

finished, Kevin's car has all the creature comforts of a new car with power steering, power brakes, power windows, heat, air conditioning, CD stereo radio system and tan leather interior along with a smooth ride. Kevin said he thoroughly enjoys driving his Willys with the 400 horsepower the engine produces that can feel like a rocket ship at any time, or he can get up to 28 miles per gallon as he has proven on recent long trips. With that combination under his foot, Kevin has the best of both worlds in a car he has always wanted! Wouldn't you agree? Take me for a ride, Kevin; I have a need for speed!!



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## Thanks for Hosting

Terry Koch's cook-out is always a great summer highlight. Even with sprinkling rain and temps in the 60s, almost 50 hotrods parked in his front lot. Many others also attended and it was a memorable evening. Again, Kevin Kappenman took care of the grilling while other wonderful volunteers served. Thank you for eating burgers and brats at this event, net charitable income was \$200, which will be granted to local children's charities. Thank you so much, Terry, for having us every year. Your humble reply is always, "It gives me a reason to clean." Well, it's appreciated. ☺



## Car Show Fundraiser

Many don't realize the Canton Area Car Show is a non-profit event. The Lincoln County Cruisers club uses the proceeds to purchase coats for kids at Love Inc. and Canton School logo apparel for students who can't afford it. Other items purchased for schools include classroom speaker systems for hearing impaired students and Message Display Boards. They've made grants to the area Wrestling Team and Local FFA Chapter. Every year at the Canton Holiday Parade they hand out HotWheels toys. Last year around 700 kids got a toy car that day.

## See Ya, Rain or Shine

Your cars may be the stars, but just like our off-season, we want to see you rain or shine. In the event of bad weather, check your email for an alternate gathering location.

We'll do our best to inform you ASAP regarding Wednesday night cruises. Membership has its privileges through our email network.

## Us Kids Love Ice Cream

June 26 is the Root Beer Social and Cruise to Children's Home Society. Everyone gets a free root beer float. The children get *HotWheels* and magazines.

Also, please bring hotrod-related magazines to donate to Children's Home Society. The children read them and enjoy looking at the photos. Every year it's interesting to hear how much these young car lovers know about our hotrods. Arrive early if you'd like to serve floats or handout *HotWheels*. The South Dakota pageant titleholders are invited to sign autograph photos and read to the CHS children again this year, also. As with all our events, bring your children to share in this fun. Thank you, Candi and Bones Hanson, for coordinating the supplies.



## June Birthdays

(2<sup>nd</sup> half)

Larry Golden	19
Mike Paulson	20
Mary Ramstad	21
Denny Heidebrink	22

## July Birthdays

(1<sup>st</sup> half)

Susan Jump	1
Karen Roe	3
Dianne Boatright	4
Eric Anderson	8
Jan Malcomb	10
John Moore	11
Karen Walker	12
Nancy Snyder	15

## June Anniversaries

(2<sup>nd</sup> half)

Melvin and Dorothy Holmbeck	18
Mike and Deb DeBoer	25
Gale and Judy Horan	28

## July Anniversaries

(1<sup>st</sup> half)

Butch and Debbie Yesda	1
Terry and Nancy Jellis	10
Roger and Dianne Corkill	11

## 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.

## 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.



# *Spring Cruising Is Here*



**Tina & Bob Irvine in the Saleen during the Brookings Cruise**



**Bill & Lana Kullander's Vette at Springdale Lutheran Church**



**Cheryl Van Noort's '33 Ford at the Pizza Ranch Cruise**



**Doug & Lori Van Noort's '55 Chevy at the Hy-Vee Cruise**



**Jayne DeBoer's '86 T-Bird at Terry Koch's Shop Cruise**



**Jack & Dianne Boatright's '39 Chevy at Terry Koch's Shop**





## 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.

### Dream Cars Upon Returning

Having just celebrated the Memorial Day holiday, I find myself thinking about old Army friends. From 1969, here are two of my best Army buddies with their new cars at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Both of these guys recently returned from a year in Viet Nam, and they did what so many "motorheads" of the day did upon returning: they bought the car they'd been dreaming about for the past year!

Bill Raison, from Portsmouth, Ohio, is shown with his red 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner. Bill's car had the 383 engine and 4-speed trans, and he spruced it up with headers and some American mag wheels. Terry McGee was from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and his blue 1969 Z/28 Camaro had the normal Z/28 302 cubic-inch engine and 4-speed. I don't know what ultimately happened to Bill's Roadrunner, but I do know that Terry's Z/28 was stolen and stripped a couple years later in Cleveland. Police only found the bare shell of a body and not much else!

As noted, I took these photos at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., where all three of us were stationed for the remainder of our Army obligations. I'm still in touch with both of these guys today. We had some serious fun, cruising the Jersey shore in these beasts!



## 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](http://siouxlandcouncil.info)

### Jun 19 – Handy-Man Cruise

910 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, SF

### Tues, Jun 25 – Dow Rummel Show

*Dinner Provided for Hotrod Drivers.*

### Jun 26 – Children's Home Society

801 N. Sycamore, SF, *Root Beer Floats*

### Jul 3 – MarketPlace Grille

305 S. Main, Inwood, "4<sup>th</sup> of July Night"

### Jul 10 – Jack Fox Park, LCC Host

225 N. Broadway, Canton, SD

### Jul 17 – GPSR Poker Run &

**Hot Summer Nights**

**\*\*Volunteers for Stops Needed\*\***

### 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

### Aug 14 – Riverdale Park, Potluck

2000 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD

### Aug 21 – VA Car Show

2501 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, SF

### Aug 28 – Bethany Meadows Show

3008 E. Aspen Blvd., Brandon

### Sept 4 – Sonic / Northern Tool

3910 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, SF

### Sept 11 – First Reformed Church

4800 S. Tomar Road, SF

### Sept 18 – Arby's – E. 10<sup>th</sup>

2729 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, SF

### Sept 25 – SV Energy Bldg. Potluck

108 N. Heritage Road, Brandon

## SUMMER CRUISES END

Oct 2 – Meet-n-Eat Schedule Begins





**Classified Ads**  
(FREE to All Members)

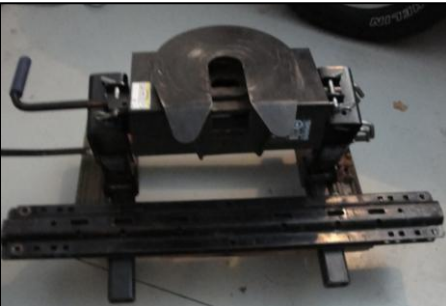


**FOR SALE – 1933 Plymouth**  
Beautiful California Originated  
Hotrod, 350/350, Light Tan  
Leather Interior, Mustang Front  
Suspension, Street Ready, Call  
Eric Anderson (712) 380-4969



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

**FOR SALE – 5th Wheel Hitch**,  
Reese 15k slider hitch w/ rails,  
Like NEW! \$400, 605-929-9921



**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



**Duane & Marie Rogers' '63 Polara at Hardee's Cruise**  
*Sorry, it's not For Sale ☹*

**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 SALE – Turbo 350**  
**Transmission**, shift kit, like  
new when swapped, 30Kmi,  
Call Mike 605-351-7434

**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

**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