



# Cruisin' News

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## Groundhog Beware

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Groundhogs have really got to be worried this year. I avoid running over anything, but if that chubby little furball Punxsutawney Phil shows up in South Dakota, he better be quick. A wet spring is normal, but it's been many years since we've seen this kind of daily cold weather. The winter has been long and spring hasn't really sprung yet, so I really need to remind myself, although the cool cars are our common interest, the friendships and fun we have are the strengths of the Great Plains Street Rodders. Also, keep in mind that we enjoy seeing each other even though it may mean leaving the cruiser at home due to cold, stormy weather.

We did get in a recent warm Saturday night in a couple weeks ago. The hotrods and people packed the lots at Hardees and Burger King on Minnesota Avenue. It sure was great to feel the sun and see the cool cars all parked together again. Every spring I enjoy catching up with those I haven't seen all winter, seeing their cars and the new additions and revisions everyone does over the long winter.

Remember to invite your friends to the Wednesday evening events. We have plenty of Siouxland Car Council schedules and Great Plains Street Rodder cards, so hand them out and we'll give you more. I talk to car enthusiasts all the time that are self conscious to attend our gatherings for fear their cars are not nice enough. Many of the cars that get the most attention are those imperfect machines. All cool cars have significant personalities – car enthusiasts enjoy a wide variety of street machines. Even though our hobby is cars, it's the people's personalities and friendships that bring us together long term anyway, so it seems the cars are secondary. ☺

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



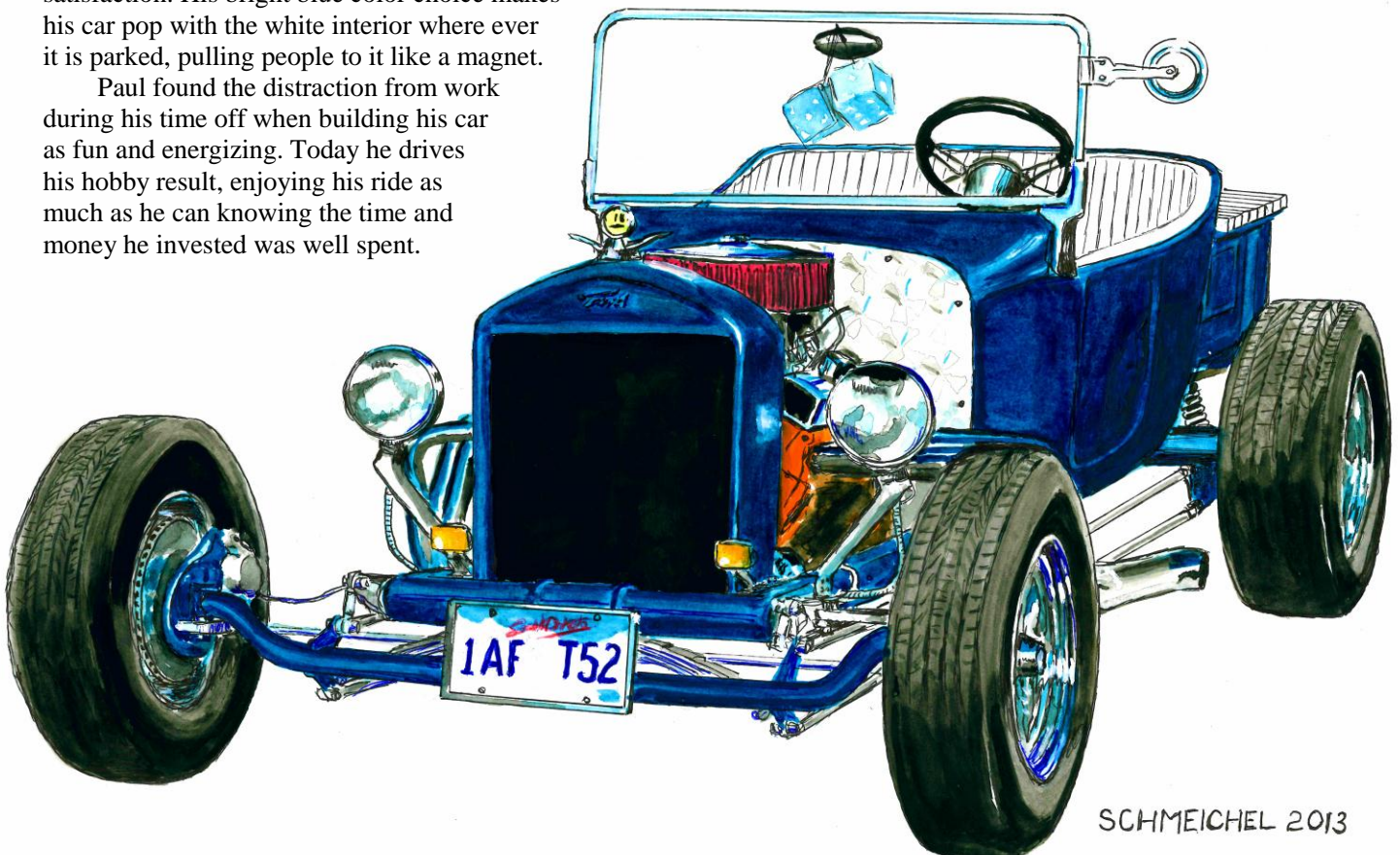
## *Needed a Hobby*

By Bob Schmeichel

I always find it very interesting when it comes to understanding any old car owners mind set. I usually start by asking what intrigued them enough about a specific vehicle to want to have it. The responses back sometimes don't surprise me, usually relating back in time when they were younger and wanting to have a car like that then, but couldn't afford it or didn't have a place to put it. Not so was the case with Paul Rollinger. His response was short and sweet in that he needed a hobby. Something fun that would take his mind away from work in the evenings and weekends. He knew he had the mechanical ability to build a car as he told me about himself assembling a Chevy engine at the age of 13. Model car building also gave him a vast knowledge of how cars go together, only on a full-size scale.

So, with a 1923 T Bucket in mind to build, his search on the internet for ideas began. After much time checking out different web sites, he came across Spirit Industries out of Arkansas, where he ordered a complete rolling chassis cheaper than he thought he could build it. This is not to be confused as the beginnings of a kit car with instructions because Paul still had to make tons of brackets and bolt everything together to his liking. Kit cars have all the thought processes and making things done for you already. Next he ordered a radiator, headers, and a '23 T bucket fiberglass body with a shortened pick-up box from MAS out of Minneapolis. After he started mocking everything up, a buddy found a running 350 Chevy and trans combination that Paul snatched up right away. Paul immediately tore the entire engine totally apart and took the block to Bott Machine to clean up. Paul told me the block was the only thing he used from that original engine and everything else put into and on top of it was totally new. That had to be costly – the trans was rebuilt by a local shop to new specs along with the addition of a shift kit and a 2400 stall converter. The rear end that came with the frame was out of an S-10 Blazer with 3.70 gears and seems to be a bullet proof item used in a lot of rod builds today. Paul cut out and machine turned his own aluminum firewall for something different to place behind the engine. During the five-year process of totally building the car in his home garage, Paul did everything, right down to the upholstery with the exception of the seat bottom. Paul told me doing all the body work and paint took the longest to achieve to his satisfaction. His bright blue color choice makes his car pop with the white interior where ever it is parked, pulling people to it like a magnet.

Paul found the distraction from work during his time off when building his car as fun and energizing. Today he drives his hobby result, enjoying his ride as much as he can knowing the time and money he invested was well spent.





## HyVee Fundraiser

You're invited, Saturday, May 11, at HyVee, 3020 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from 11a.m. - 2p.m. *HyVee East 10<sup>th</sup>* asks us to park our hotrods together in a special area and is looking forward to a show-n-shine for Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. There'll have grilled food with special prices for those showing. The event proceeds go to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Please try to make this one. Jay Smith and other HyVee managers support our hobby, so show off your car and help support their efforts.

## Youth Group Fundraiser

The annual Harrisburg United Methodist Youth Group's Car Hop fundraiser is Sunday, May 19, from 5 - 7p.m. There is special parking for hotrods. Burgers, hot dogs and home-made ice cream are served. This year's donations helps fund a Mission trip to Milwaukee. We've supported this fundraiser for years. The youth group does a great job of making this a fun gathering.

## Thanks for Hosting

Our recent "*Chili and Beers from around the World*" at Metro Station was big hit. We had a great time and sampled several types of chili, lots of desserts and many varieties of beer. Thank you to our hosts and everyone who made chili and brought the items to make this event another success.



## Thanks for the Cruise

A recent cruise to Nick's Burgers in Brookings had good weather. The SODAKS joined us and the run was a lot of fun. Thank you to Butch Yesda for setting up this afternoon cruise and thanks to all those who participated.



## Inspection Day Details

Cold rain kept participation to a low of 14 cars inspected this year. As usual, free hot dogs and sloppy Joes were served to all participants at Legion Hall next door. There may be another date again this summer for inspections at Renner on a warmer Saturday.



## Meet-n-Eat Wrap-Up

Thank you to the committee for last year and for your work on next fall. Finding places for our large group is not easy. Many popular restaurants prefer multiple customers per hour instead of large groups occupying several tables during peak times. We appreciate all the discounts arranged, private rooms set up and the time to coordinate the off-season.

## May Birthdays

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

Ron Heemstra	23
Gerry Phillips	24
Bob Irvine	25
Audrey Jorgenson	27
Roxie Edbright	28
Virgene Schrader	29
Candi Hanson	30
Darla Schmuck	30
Linda Geister	31

## June Birthdays

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

Sarah Stokes	6
Tom Cain	6
Duane Rogers	6
Deb DeBoer	9
Vern Jensen	9
Shirley Fick	10
Ruby Johnson	12
Jason Jellis	13
Grace Lee	13
Tina Irvine	15

## May Anniversaries

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

Mike and Sheila Miller	17
Ken and Barb Buchanan	27

## June Anniversaries

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

Brian and Grace Lee	4
Mike and Lori Paulson	4
Bob and Tina Irvine	7
Ron and Lynn Hammerschmidt	10
Clay and Susan Seachris	10
Gary and Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry and Kris Golden	12
Jeff and Jean Knowlton	13

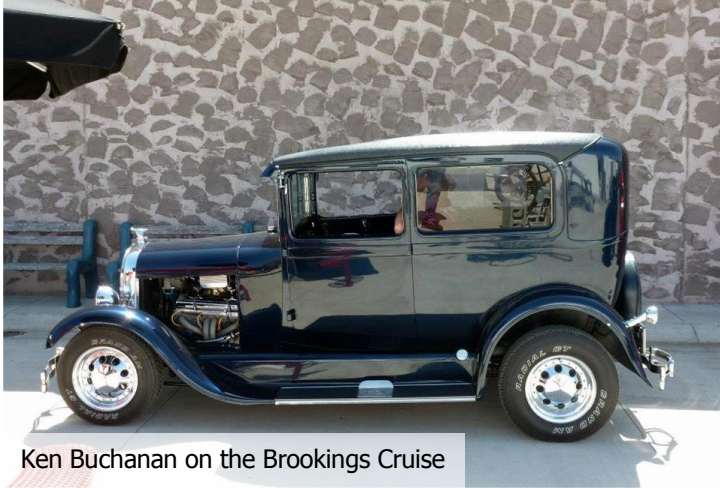
## Revised Due to Size

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





# Spring Cruising



Ken Buchanan on the Brookings Cruise



Gathering for the Brookings Cruise



Jeff & Jean Knowlton's Chevelle at Nick's



Denny & Betty Heidebrink's  
1940 Chevy at Nick's



Doug Walker picks up a few sweet  
talk tips from Mr. Wonderful during  
the Chili Social at Metro Station.



Dan & Kim Brady's Camaro at Hardees on a Saturday Night



Fun at the Chili Social





## 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.



### Wayne Sparks' 1968 Camaro

Here we see Wayne Sparks' 1968 Camaro SS Super Stocker at Thunder Valley Dragways back in 1968. This was a 396ci/375hp car equipped with the Turbo-Hydramatic 400 transmission, placing it in SS/EA class. Jay-Shon Chevrolet of Sioux Falls was a major sponsor and possibly actually owned the car. Missile Muffler was also a sponsor. In the picture of the car on the trailer, I believe that's Wayne sitting on top of the pickup truck tow-vehicle cab. I don't recall any specific times for the car, but I'm sure it was well into the 11 second range for the quarter mile.

Wayne passed away last month at the age of 80. He was a bit of a legend in local Chevrolet lore and worked as a mechanic at Jay-Shon Chevrolet as well as the South Dakota Air Guard. Wayne was one of very few local people who could properly tune the early Rochester Fuel Injection as used on Chevys in the mid to late 1960s.

Wayne also, as legend has it, was the driver for an ultra-rare 1963 Z-11 Chevrolet Impala that crashed into "All Saints Hill" (17th and Main) after an in-town drag race that didn't get shut down quite soon enough! (1963 Z-11s had a new 427 ci engine, aluminum front-end body panels, and were designed as a race-only vehicle; only 57 were built.) The damaged aluminum front end laid atop the Jay-Shon body shop building afterwards and was visible from the top floor of Washington High School across the street. (I saw it!) Lots of urban legends resulted from tales of Wayne and the Z-11 crash.

## 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)

### May 15 – Pizza Ranch, E10th

3809 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, SF

### May 22 – Acoustic Restaurant

196 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SF

### May 29 – Lower Sherman Park

805 S. Kiwanis Ave., SF *Potluck*

### Jun 5 – Terry Koch's Shop

26845 469<sup>th</sup> Ave., SF

### Jun 12 – J&L Harley Davidson

2601 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street, SF

### Jun 19 – Handy-Man Cruise

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

### 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

Jul 24 – Wall Lake, Ford Club Host  
Wall Lake Township

### 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

### Oct 2 – Meet-n-Eat Schedule Begins



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

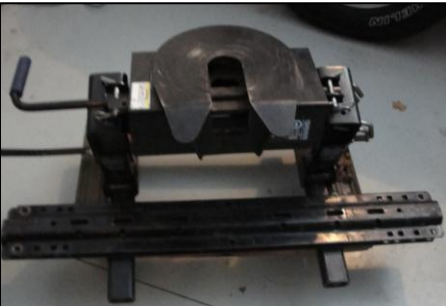


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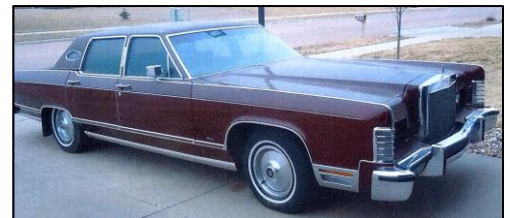
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