



Cruisin' News

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Remember the Winter

By Clay Seachris
President's message

Every year when the snowbirds return and the weather becomes warm enough we get the cars back out and our cruising fun begins. Our first drive stories and out-of-storage tales have been more numerous this year because we did not get to take a few cruises all winter. This was one of those long winters where most of us parked the hotrods last fall and now we're finally starting them up again this spring. It seemed the consistent cold weather and messy roads just kept us from even enjoying a short hotrod cruise. The spring stories of low tires, dead batteries and dust covered bodies are abounding. So now, after a long winter, we're fueled by the excitement of warm weather and clean roads to get behind the wheel; feel the handling and hear the rumble that only our summer cruises offer. With so many car events and nice warm weather, we stay busy all summer and those things become routine. Those times this summer when you're considering relaxing in front of the boob-tube or napping in the easy-chair, just remember this winter and keep in mind, in a couple short months your cruising opportunities will be dormant once again. So, let "Remember the winter!" be your rally cry to get out and enjoy the rumble and the handling that only a cool hotrod offers.

As we transition again from relaxed winter meet-n-eaters to on-the-go summer cruisers, I reflect upon how blessed we are to have so many friends that make our winters just as much fun or maybe even more fun than our summers. The club is fortunate to have so many awesome people hosting parties, supporting each other emotionally, sharing ideas, working on each other's hotrods, organizing social gatherings, sharing time to participate, and sharing laughs and stories. I try to say it often, "Thank you for being Great Plains Street Rodders, you and your friendships make this club strong and fun."

For online newsletters, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



Family Affair

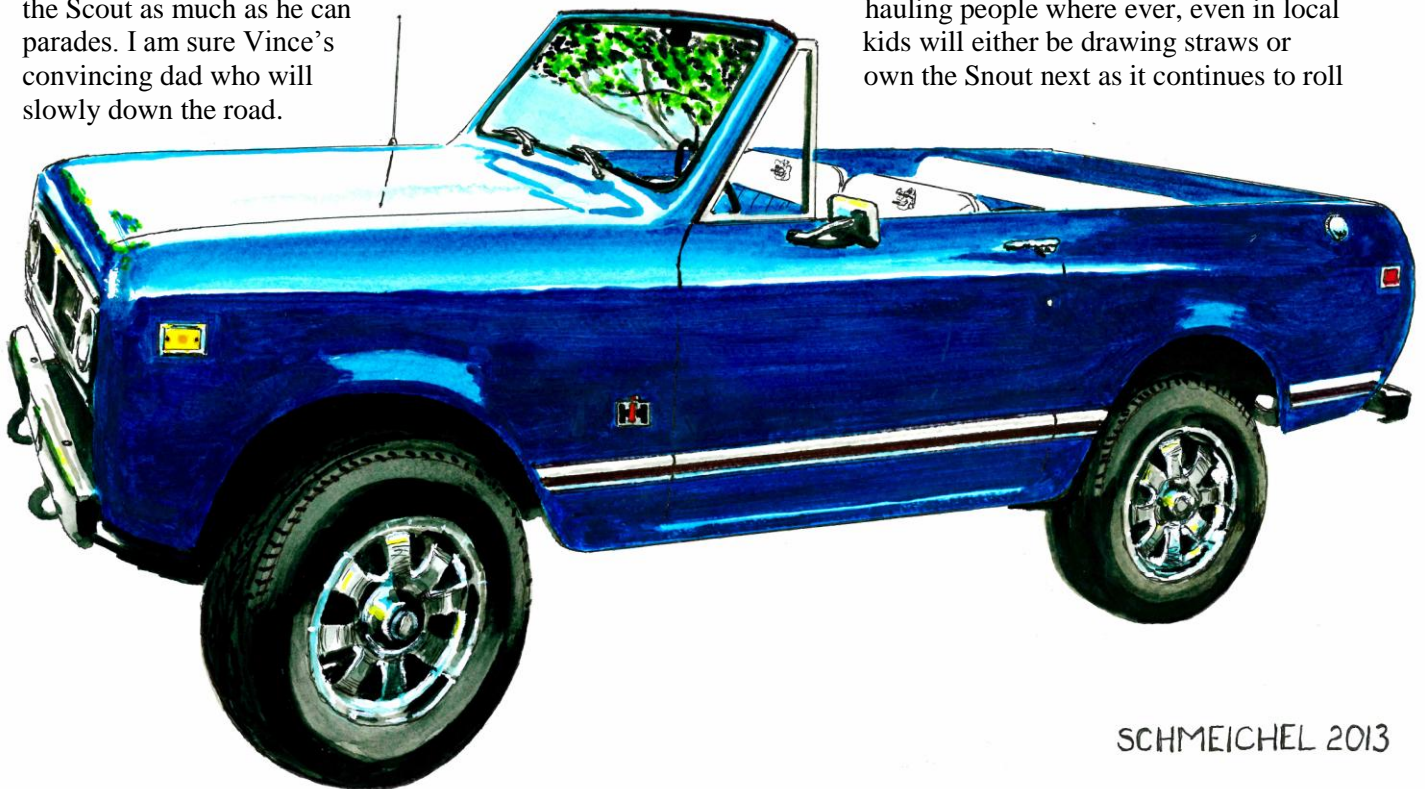
By Bob Schmeichel

Vince Jones's father had a Dodge dealership in Huron, South Dakota, for quite a few years. During those times a lot of vehicles were bought or traded off for something newer. In 1980, one of the vehicles his father took in was a 1973 International Scout that a local farmer used to pull his horse trailer. Although it had 160,000 miles on, it still ran great and had a rust-free body. His father liked it enough to keep it and use it as a hunting vehicle at their cabin in the Black Hills. Once there, it stayed there for the next 28 years being used briefly three or four times a year to get people out into the hills to hunt. Vince noted that he and Ken Levene used it many times over the years. Each time they were pleasantly surprised that it started after sitting for nine months, then ran all day long without a problem taking them places they didn't think it could go. Many happy memories and times happened by all who used the Scout in one way or another.

Towards the end of that 28-year time span Vince's father passed away and the Scout was not used as frequently for hunting but was used for fun by Vince's kids when they were out there just to drive around with. Because the paint was fading on the Scout, Vince had thoughts of selling it only to have his kids say, "You can't sell Grandpa's car!!"

So in 2008, Vince brought the Scout home and decided to restore it. After all the fun it had given to everyone over the years, it needed to continue to have purpose or meaning. So, Vince took it to Jerry's Auto Body at Lennox and let them do their magic. The body was pulled off the frame and everything stripped of paint. The original two-tone body color was replaced with one color off a newer car at the time. The engine was rebuilt and suspension gone through to get everything fresh again. A Flow Master exhaust was added to let Vince know it was running after all was back together again. After that Vince pulled the hardtop off and replaced it with a white soft top. Next on the agenda was getting the interior redone in a 50's style of white with matching blue inserts. The last thing he did was to raise the suspension and add larger wheels and tires for ground clearance, although I don't think he will use it to go hunting with any more, at least not out in the boonies.

The nick name Vince gave the Scout years ago stuck to it enough to put it on the license plate, which reads "73 SNOUT." Vince said the reason for the name was that it ate gas like a pig getting only 10 mpg while going no place fast. Even though it lives up to the Scout as much as he can parades. I am sure Vince's convincing dad who will slowly down the road.



SCHMEICHEL 2013

NSRA Inspection Day

The Annual NSRA Inspection Day is May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renner Garage, Renner, SD. The process is free and only takes a few minutes. The event is fun. Bob Schmeichel is one of the volunteer inspectors and they're all helpful guys. These guys follow the NSRA Safety Inspection guidelines and also share years of experience to help you have a safe season. The inspections are only advisory and not a legal clearance.



Nick's Burgers Cruise

On April 27, there will be a cruise to downtown Brookings. Nick's Burgers is among a number of other eating and shopping options. At 12:30, meet at Flying J Truck Stop at I-29 and Hwy 38 for the cruise. Dick, the owner, said he'd like us to get there around 1:15 or 1:30. This will be a RAIN or SHINE cruise, so hotrods are optional due to the unpredictable weather. Thank you Butch Yesda for coordinating this event.



In It Together

Here's a picture of Jules and Marilyn Haper investing in stocks in 1978. ☺ It's all fun and games when you're in it together.



Christmas Party Locale

Due to fantastic attendance, central location, charitable support and other little aspects, we've changed the Christmas Party location to South Dakota Achieve on south Western Avenue. The date is still the first Saturday in December (Dec. 7). Other than starting a little earlier, the evening will follow our annual tradition; \$10 catered meal, fun, inexpensive gift exchange and lots of laughs...

Chili at Metro Station

You're invited to "Chili, and Beers from around the World" at Metro Station, 906 E. Redwood Blvd. Brandon, Saturday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m. The Chili is provided. Bring a few bottles of your own specialty beer (to share for tasting) from around the world and munchies or desserts to go with the Chili. Thank you to Roger, Cheryl and helpers for hosting. You may call Gary at 310-1435 or Terry at 359-5386 for event details or directions to 906 E. Redwood Blvd. Brandon, SD.

April Birthdays

(2nd half)

Patt Anderson	16
Lana Kullander	16
Mike DeBoer	17
Christina Jellis	18
Mark Bowers	20
Gary Jorgenson	21
Dianne Moore	22
Bob Van Noort	23
Joyce Aurit	26
Sandy Peterson	26
Kent Reilly	27
Jackie Heemstra	28
Carolyn Hood	29

May Birthdays

(1st half)

Bunny Brady	2
Cheryl Van Noort	5
James "Jim" Kuhle	6

April Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Dean and Joyce Gough	17
Grant and Linda Geister	18
Art and Bev Umland	20
Don and Helen Jensen	21
Les and Mary Ramstad	24
Derrick and Sarah Stokes	26
Don and LaDell Mertens	28

May Anniversaries

(1st half)

Kent and Terri Reilly	9
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Revised Due to Size

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

Papik's Spring Rally

Papik Motors's Spring Rally Show & Shine is Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free Registration. Free Show. Free Burgers. Children's Inflatables. Check out this and other cruise information on local events at: siouxlandcouncil.info

Highlights From 2012



Cruise night at Sonic



Watertown Rod Run



Root Beer Social at Children's Home Society



Dakota Digital Open House



Canton Classic Car Parade



Spaghetti Social



Weinie Roast at Roe's



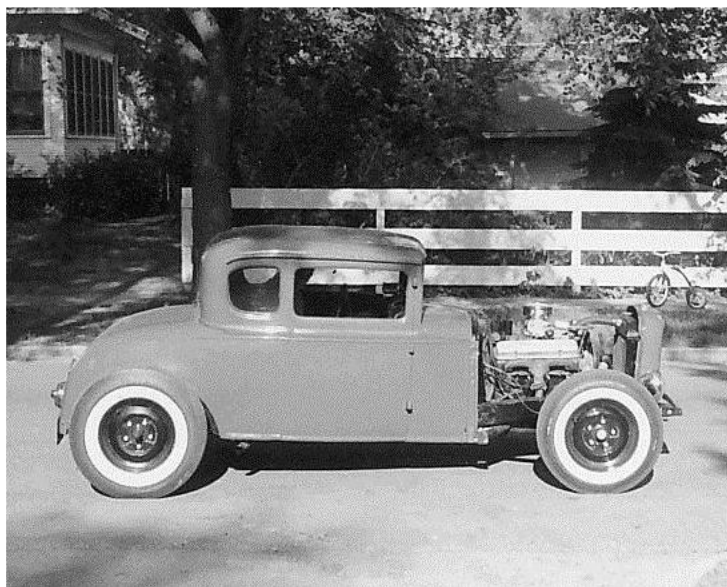
Bethany Home's Father's Day Picnic



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.



A Joyful Little Rig

My nearly lifelong friend, Rex Gulickson, bought this little hot rod titled as a '28 Ford in 1962 from a shop teacher in Freeman, SD. The car had recently been completed, and Rex paid the princely sum of "around \$400" for it. I tagged along with Rex and his family the evening he went to Freeman to complete the deal and drive the car home. Rex thought originally that the car had at least a 283 or 327 Chevy in it, but it turned out to have a 265 engine with a Ford trans and rear end. The engine was upgraded to a 4-barrel carb as seen in this picture, and then to dual 4-barrels after that. The outside of the rod was a cherry red; the interior had a black vinyl bench seat and the (appropriate for the day) long, curving shift lever.

I took this photo in front of my folks' house just before Rex did about a half-block long burn out, wheel-hopping all the way. I can recall joyfully riding around in this rig complete with whines, clanks and bangs, assorted fumes, and unidentified shudders. While the car may have been a bit coarse by today's standards, it was a hot rod, and it did give a 15/16-year-old kid, and his buddies, plenty of satisfaction and enjoyment!

Meet-n-Eat / 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

2013 Meet-n-Eat

Apr 17 – Acoustic

196 E. 6th Street, SF

Apr 24 – Hibachi Grill and

Supreme Buffet, Private Room

American, Japanese, Chinese Cuisine
1100 West 41st Street, SF

2013 Summer Cruises

May 1 – Dareos

2929 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

May 8 – 212 The Boiling Point

323 S. Splitrock, Blvd, Brandon

May 15 – Pizza Ranch, E10th

3809 E. 10th Street, SF

May 22 – Acoustic Restaurant

196 East 6th Street, SF

May 29 – Lower Sherman Park

805 S. Kiwanis Ave., SF *Potluck*

Jun 5 – Terry Koch's Shop

26845 469th Ave., SF

Jun 12 – J&L Harley Davidson

2601 West 60th Street, SF

Jun 19 – Handy-Man Cruise

910 E. 10th Street, SF

Jun 26 – Children's Home Society

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

Jul 3 – MarketPlace Grille

305 S. Main, Inwood, *"4th 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, SEFC Host

Wall Lake Township

Jul 31 – Sioux Empire Pontiac Host



Classified Ads
(FREE to All Members)

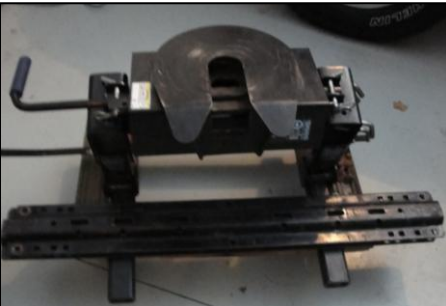


FOR SALE – 1933 Plymouth
Beautiful California Originated
Hotrod, 350/350, Light Tan
Leather Interior, Mustang Front
Suspension, Street Ready, Call
Eric Anderson (712) 380-4969



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

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 – 1975 Corvette
Coupe, Rare one-year-only Green,
350/350, A/C, Pwr Windows,
102K mi, \$9,000, Jules 361-1127



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

WANTED – 1955 Ford Car
hood (good condition), **luggage**
rack for older station wagon, **SD**
license plates, pairs; 1955, 57,
58,59. Ken Levene 366-1698

FOR SALE – 1923 Dodge
Fordor Flat Top Sedan, 3.8 Liter
Buick V6, Automatic transmission,
\$6,000 Call Jules 361-1127



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

FOR SALE – 1964 Studebaker
Cruiser Sedan, 259 V8, Auto,
\$14,500, Della Cunningham,
605-342-2471

FOR SALE – 1979 Lincoln
Continental Town Car - 4 door,
400ci less than 54,000 miles,
leather everything, 8 Track, CB,
clean, Tires OK. Nice Ride, Great
Car, \$2995, 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