



# Cruisin' News

March 2013

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## *The Season Has Begun*

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

I've always considered May the beginning of the cruise season because around here, due to weather, that's the case. Nationally cruises never stop, but March brings a number of spring national shows. Now with Winterfest of Wheels and the Annual Counts Show, we have 2013 shows behind us already.

Even with those car shows behind us, we're still busy with our off-season fun. We made some changes to the Valentine's Party this year that worked out great. The Sioux Valley Energy Building gave us the room to mingle and enjoy visiting, and the catered food was delicious.

Our annual Lincoln trip was well attended again. This year we presented the Museum of American Speed with one of club plaques. After the plaque presentation and group photo, we spent the rest of the afternoon roaming the museum and sharing stories with friends. This year several new members made the trip and were impressed with the museum. As usual, a hotel full of streetrodder friends swapping stories and laughing made for a loud evening and good morning the next day.

Another great friendship building event was the recent Tea Party held at the Metro Station. Since only ladies were invited, I have to take Susan's word that all the ladies had a fun time. Susan has some explaining to do regarding a Mr. Wonderful who attended the party. I guess everyone was squeezing his hand and he was charming them all with his sweet talk. ☺

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## *Big and Chrome*

By Bob Schmeichel

If you were born after 1980, you may have never known what is meant by the term “big car.” Up to that year most big cars, even two door cars like the one my story is about, could truly hold six full-sized adults without feeling crowded. They were usually loaded with big engines along lots of exterior chrome trim not only to set them off, but to individualize them from other cars. Because of that trend going back quite a few years, you could tell what kind of a car was coming at you from a half mile away. Those days have gone by the way side with big being replaced by intermediate-sized cars and chrome substituted with painted plastic or rubber. I have a hard time identifying a car these days without looking at a name tag and I don’t think I am the only one with that issue. To me they all look alike any more.

Anyway, Dale and Joyce Aurit bought a 1973 Buick Centurion Limited Edition 2-door hardtop in 1980 from its original owners. It was a big wonderful riding car that Joyce used for the next five years to car pool with going back and forth to work. Towards the end of that five-year time frame, gas was closing in on \$1.80 at gallon, which made Dale look for a more economical way for Joyce to get everyone to work. So the Buick was put into storage and a smaller car was found for the car pooling duties.

The Buick remained in storage for nineteen years until Dale retired in 2004. The car had deteriorated outwardly a bit from water dripping on it because of a leaky roof at the storage facility. Dale’s first agenda into retirement was to restore the Buick that he and his wife loved so much. So he bought a building out near the Tea Airport, got the Buick out of storage and began tearing into it. First thing he did was to pull the engine out and have Jerry Ross freshen it up so it ran like new again. Then he had some friends in Marion install new exhaust to make it quiet. The last on a list of things to do was to take the car to Pat Fokken to do the body work and repaint the car along with installing a new vinyl top. The car was finished just in time in 2008 to enter its first car show at the Ramkota. During the car show, the original owners came by with a tear in their eyes after seeing the restored car. The wife commented that she had gotten more speeding tickets with the Buick because it was so smooth and secure that she never really paid attention how fast she was going most of the time. Every time I see Dale and Joyce in the Buick, they have a smile on their faces. I am sure they have the same feelings about the comfort of their big car as the original owners. I know the feeling all too well also after having a ‘72 Pontiac Catalina once 40 years ago and wishing I had it back.



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## Thank You

Thank you to our Street Rodder Friends for the prayers and concern during our Granddaughter Brittney's battle with cancer and for the cards and kind words of sympathy at her death. We feel blessed to be a part of this caring group of people.

Roger and Dianne Corkill

## Thanks "Teach"

Thank you volunteers of the recent computer class. The work and help from Mark Bowers and Tyler Swanger on this learning experience is appreciated. Thank you also to Cathy Walker and Susan Seachris for assisting during the class. The class went well and hopefully there'll be more. A class for using email is being discussed.



## Thanks Party Planners

The Valentine's Party was packed with 80 of us enjoying the evening together with good food, fun and door prizes. Thank you; Maritta Husman, Nancy Jellis, Linda Geister, Bev Umland, Diane Boatright and Lori Paulson.



Maritta Husman and Bev Umland

## Long Distance Member

*A letter from Ron Jellis*

I just want you to know that I really enjoy reading the Great Plains newsletters on the internet. In fact so much, I want my wife Donna and myself to become long distance members of the club. As you can see we live in Florida, so won't be able to attend some meetings; however we'll continue to enjoy the newsletters. (Note: If you don't accept my membership – spend the money on beer.) ☺

I must inform you that I am the older and 'best looking' brother of Terry Jellis – I'm so glad that you all took Terry into your club – I'm sure it kept him out of jail!!

Years ago when I lived in Sioux Falls I had many so called hotrods – great memories!! I was a member of the "Igniters" and was really proud to hang that plaque from my rear bumper; it was worth more than my car.

Sounds like you have a great bunch of members – keep up the great work and all the things you do. Thank you for letting me be a member.

Sincerely,

Ron G. Jellis and Donna M. Jellis  
p.s. Donna and I met 57 years ago at the West Sioux Roller Rink.

Feb. 15 we have been married 55 years. She's also a good old Sioux Falls beauty.

## Cup of Tea

Thank you to Cheryl Van Noort, Ellen Van Noort, Carlotta McKittrick and Marilyn Haper for organizing a fun Tea Party on March 9. Twenty-two ladies dressed in their finest hats, gloves and other formal attire to enjoy delicious food and a good cup of tea. Carlotta shared a little history of tea and extended an invitation from Queen Elizabeth to visit Buckingham Palace. ☺

## March Birthdays

*(2nd half)*

Wayne Ebright	17
Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Kathy Koch	20
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Pat Kiebach	27
Rich Barnes	30
Scott Brady	31

## April Birthdays

*(1st half)*

Debbie Yesda	4
Junie Herschberger	15

## March Anniversaries

*(2nd half)*

Chuck and Sherrey Kellogg	28
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## April Anniversaries

*(1st half)*

Don and Betty Jones	2
Loren and Shirley Fick	4
Ken and Vicky Levene	4

## 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.

## 2013 Club Membership

Please renew your membership. You may mail your dues payment to Great Plains Street Rodders, Jayne Deboer, Treasurer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Membership is \$20 per couple or just \$10 per person.





## 2013 Recent Happenings



Nancy, Susan and Linda pose by a Model T.



Club President Clay Seachris presents a plaque to Jarrod Roulet, exhibit designer, at the Museum of American Speed.



Tom and Mike talk to one of the tour guides.



Lori Paulson wins a door prize.



Tom Olsen shows off his logoed pencil holder.



Some 20 members attended the computer class.



Clean-up crew – Terry Jellis and Josie Bowers





## 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.



## Hurst Hemi Under Glass

I took this picture of the original "Hurst Hemi Under Glass" while attending the 1965 National Drags in Indianapolis, IN. The black and gold Hemi Under Glass was built jointly by George Hurst of Hurst Performance and Bill Shrewsberry; it was designed to test and showcase many of Hurst's racing products. This is the first of several cars built over the years and it features an injected 426 Chrysler Hemi mounted where the rear seat would normally be, 4-speed transmission (with Hurst Shifter, of course), Hurst's own design forged aluminum wheels, a hand-built racing chassis, and much more.

At the dragstrip, the front end would go high in the air and the car would run the full 1/4 mile on just the rear wheels aided by the casters just visible under the rear bumper. Speeds were well over 100 mph on these exhibition runs. The car was originally driven by "wild" Bill Shrewsberry, but Bob Riggle took over the driving chores for the next several years until a serious crash ended his driving career. I understand this original car has been totally restored and is still owned by Bill Shrewsberry. It's shown at special events around the country on a very limited basis.

## Meet-n-Eat Schedule

Every October, Great Plains Street Rodders transition to a supper social club. Hot rods Optional. Please join us. Many of these gatherings have special group rates. Guests are welcome. We are a family oriented club, we encourage the next generation, so children are also always welcome to all our events.

### 2013 Meet-n-Eat

- Mar 20 – Buffalo Wild Wings**
- Mar 27 – VFW, S. Minnesota Ave.**
- Apr 3 – Crack'd Pot, N. Minn.**
- Apr 10 – Sneaky's Chicken**
- Apr 17 – Acoustic**  
196 E. 6th Street, SF
- Apr 24 – To Be Announced**

### 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. 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
- 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, SEFC Host**  
Wall Lake Township
- Jul 31 – Sioux Empire Pontiac Host**





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



**FOR SALE – 1983 Cadillac Coupe Deville** two door, black interior and exterior, wire wheel hubcaps. All deluxe equipment, auto a/c, tilt tele steering, power brakes, steering, am/fm cd, cruise, power seats/moon/sun roof, 4100 engine with auto Western South Dakota car always garaged, 120k miles. Asking \$3,800 or offer. Emery Lee 271-2589

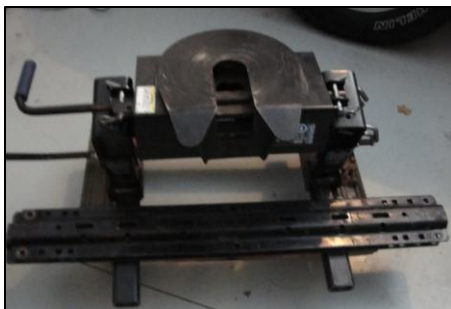


**FOR SALE – 1933 Plymouth** Beautiful California Originated Hotrod, 350/350, Light Tan Leather Interior, Mustang Front Suspension, Street Ready, Call Eric Anderson (712) 380-4969



**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



**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 – 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

**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