



Cruisin' News

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The Days Are Getting Longer

By Clay Seachris

President's message

It's early in the season yet, but the signs of spring are beginning to show. Many of our winter events have passed. The Wednesday evening summer cruise schedule is set. Summer plans are being made and rooms are being reserved for out-of-town cruises and shows. Those with build projects are starting to check the weeks left on the calendar. Spring fever hasn't set in yet, but as the days get longer, the fever grows.

We've had a busy month full of fun with friends. I hope you've enjoyed it as much as Susan and I have. It's been great with the addition of some new friends to our merry little group. As the club grows, we still retain the close friendships. We'll always be a merry group, although someday we won't be able to say "little"...

The Ice-Breaker Party at Mike and Lori's was a blast as usual. There were 80 people there with room to spare and food to eat. The amazing thing is even though there were that many people, it still felt like a quaint, small gathering of close friends. Oh, as usual, I have to razz the girls for getting rowdy as their games seem to be as entertaining for them as they are for those around them. Thank you to Mike and Lori Paulson.

Annual Hobo Stew was a good time; the stew was as good as ever. This year's canned goods gathered were donated to the Children's Inn. The total was 162 pounds, which exceeded last year's donation of 151 pounds.

We were fortunate to have Bill Kullander coordinate with his long-time friend Joe Floyd so we all could see Joe's collection of cool cars. There were over fifty of us that morning enjoying the cars and their history as shared by Joe, his wife Elaine, Bill and Lana. Joe and Elaine are such fun people and detailed story tellers. Bill's passion and personality easily shined through as he talked about the history and details in that collection. We took pictures, but they just didn't capture the beauty or the stories. Again, it made it all that much better to be able to share that experience with friends. Thank you again to all who made this event so memorable.

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eBay Misrepresentation

By Bob Schmeichel

Ron Roe always liked the looks of a 1956 Chevy Nomad station wagon, not only because it had only two doors, but the styling along with the trim set it apart from other cars in that era. One day in 2007, while skimming through eBay on the internet, Ron came across a '56 Nomad that was for sale. It seemed to look pretty good from the posted pictures and priced right from what Ron thought. The only thing was, it was across the country in Massachusetts and a little farther than Ron was willing to go to get it. With some help and a little encouragement, Ron was able to connect with a trucker who was willing to haul the Nomad back to this part of the country for a fair price. So the purchase of the Nomad was made over the phone, and Ron waited patiently for the delivery.



After about a week, the Nomad was delivered to Ron's home. Ron started giving it the once over right away while it was still on the car carrier trailer. After doing this, the one comment coming out of his mouth was, "You can hide a bunch of crap with primer in pictures." To his dismay, everything was rusty right down to and including the frame. Not wanting to become discouraged with what he had bought, the tear down and rebuild began. First on the agenda was to remove the entire floor in the body front to back and add crisscross bracing to help the body hold its shape. Next came a new rolling frame that Ron bolted new flooring with under bracing to. This led to the removal of the old frame and rolling the new frame with the bolted flooring under and mated to the body. Once the entire new floor was welded into place, other body pieces were removed and replaced. Both rear wheel wells as well as the lower half of each rear quarter were replaced bringing back the former solid feel of the body shell. After that came new door skins, front fenders and a new tailgate. After the majority of the body work was roughed in, Ron pulled the body off the frame and put it on a rotisserie to finish the body work and paint everything. Ron's wife, Karen, picked out the two colors used on newer cars to finish the car with. Ron installed a 350 crate engine with a 350 transmission as well as new air conditioning and heater, along with all the nice things new cars have. All new glass was added to the finishing picture. Jeff and Sue Mendering finished out the inside of the car by doing the upholstery work with a gorgeous tan leather.

The entire process, even with all the countless details, took all of four years to accomplish to the end result, which looks pretty stunning today. Ron thanks his friend Terry Jellis for always being there when he needed a helping hand with the build. Other than wanting to change the transmission to an overdrive unit, Ron and Karen are immensely enjoying driving the '56 as well as the attention the car brings them when stopped some place.



SCHMEICHEL 2013

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ron Heemstra and his family. Ron's mother, Lillian Heemstra, passed away January 28. Ron and Jackie are longtime members. The club sent a memorial. Lillian is also LaNette (Gegersen) Munce's aunt, another longtime member, so keep her in mind, also.

Thank You

We thank you all for your prayers and concern over the past couple of weeks. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. We are blessed to know you.

Ron and Jackie Heemstra
& Family of Lillian Heemstra

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with veteran members, Roger and Dianne Corkill and their family. Their granddaughter, Brittany, passed away January 28.



Tea Party

No Boston Harbor, no tin foil hats, this is a real "Tea Party."

The ladies of the Great Plains Street Rodders are invited to a Tea Party on Saturday, March 9 at the Metro Station, 906 E. Redwood Blvd., in Brandon at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your favorite brunch item to share. Tea (and other beverages) will be provided. Feel free to dress for the Tea Party in your favorite hat or gloves. Sorry, no boys allowed.

Thank you to Cheryl, Ellen, Carlotta, and Marilyn for organizing the party. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl at 582-6437 or 941-5251.

Ugliest Hat Winners

There were 80 people at this year's Ice-Breaker Party. It was a memorable evening with lots of food and fun topped off with an entertaining Ugliest Hat Contest.



Winners: Cathy Walker, Patt Anderson and Josephine Bowers



Winners: Ron Husman, Bob Van Noort and Grant Geister

Weekend in Lincoln

Saturday, March 2 is our annual road trip to the Museum of American Speed, Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet, shopping etc. At 7 a.m. meet at Marlins (Tea exit). We'll tour the museum, hang out and have a blast together. Terry Jellis painted one of our plaques and is donating it for display at the museum. Our block of rooms may be all booked, call Lori Paulson at 351-0416 or email the president.

Thank you Floyds

We were so fortunate to tour Joe Floyd's private collection.



February Birthdays

(2nd half)

Morris Fick	17
Ken Buchanan	18
Ron Roe	23
Joyce Gough	23
Art Umland	25
Don Hood	26

March Birthdays

(1st half)

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Ken Levene	8
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Lisa Frock	13
Grant Geister	14
Les Ramstad	14
Don Jensen	15

February Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Bob and Ellen Van Noort	18
John and Dianne Moore	19
Buck and Virgene Schrader	23
Rich and Melania Barnes	26
Ron and Maritta Husman	26

March Anniversaries

(1st half)

Chuck and Sherrey Kellogg	28
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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.

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



Mike & Lori Paulsen's '67 LeMans at Winterfest of Wheels



Jeff Christian's '63



Tom & Joyce Olsen's '69 Chevelle



Clay & Susan Seachris' '65 Cobra



Ice-Breaker Party



Nice hats - Jack Boatright, Ron Heemstra and Jules Haper



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.



The Hairbender

The 1964 Plymouth Savoy "The Hairbender" is another rather famous race car to come out of Sioux Falls. This car is one of a limited number of purpose-built race cars from Chrysler Corporation built just for drag racing. These featured a newly released 426 Hemi engine producing well over 550 horsepower, aluminum fenders, bumpers and hood, plexiglass windows, no rear seat, A100 van bucket seats up front and much more. On most of the cars produced, there was a flat hood scoop (as opposed to an earlier "double hump" style, and single headlights with a full width grille.

These cars took the drag racing world by surprise in early 1964 when introduced and dominated in their class for years. The Hairbender was owned by Gordon Stewart of Stewart's Hairstylists; hence the name. It was driven in the early years primarily by Dick Hansen. The black and white picture is at Sioux City Dragstrip and is the first time I saw the car; unfortunately, the races were rained out that day. The color photo is at Thunder Valley Dragways; my notes say it was running in the 11.10's on that day. This was a neat piece of drag racing history that Sioux Falls racing fans were fortunate to witness.

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

- Feb 13 – Valentine's Day, Catered**
Sioux Valley Energy Building
- Feb 20 – Hy-Vee, 26th & Sycamore**
- Feb 27 – Roll'n Pin, W. Russell**
- Mar 6 – Fryn' Pan, W. 41st St**
- Mar 13 – Dutch Inn, Dell Rapids**
- 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. 10th Street, SF
- May 22 – Acoustic Restaurant**
196 East 6th Street, SF
- May 29 – Lower Sherman Park**
805 S. Kiwanis Ave., SF *Potluck*
- Jun 6 – 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

Jul 3 – MarketPlace Grille

305 S. Main, Inwood, "4th of July Night"



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 many years, Very Solid hotrod project. Call Glenn Walker 336-7070

WANTED – 1955 Ford car hood (good condition), **luggage rack** for older station wagon, **South Dakota license plates**, pairs; 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959. Ken Levene 605-366-1698

Betty Heidebrink and Nancy Jellis enjoying laughs with "Speedy" Bill Smith.
Taken in 2010



FOR SALE – Garage/Shop Equipment, Parts Washer, Sioux Valve Grinding Machine, Sioux Valve Seat Grinder, R12 Air-conditioning 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. I need the space, Call 351-5599

FOR SALE – 1975 Corvette Coupe, Rare one-year-only Bright Green, 350/350, A/C, Power Windows, 102K mi., \$9,000 Call Jules 361-1127



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 in adjacent building. Also outside storage available. Security fence surrounds property. Call Dale Aurit Home: 334-5005 or Cell: 605 212-5949

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

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

FOR SALE – 1923 Dodge Fordor Flat Top Sedan, powered by 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

WANTED – Classified ads If you're club member, it's free help to sell something, or find something. Just email (or reply to any club message) the information and a picture if you have one. To president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com