



Cruisin' News

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Not Snug for a Long Winter's Nap

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Usually this time of the year our hotrods are snug in their garages for a long winter's nap, and cruise planning is focused on a May kickoff. Thankfully, so far we've been able to sneak out every now and then and enjoy the unseasonable weather. New Year's Eve afternoon about 50 people attended a gathering, and 20 cool cars made an impression on many driving by. We enjoyed hanging out with cars and, as usual, got a kick out the people who stopped to take pictures and share smiles. As the weather changed, the group cruised north to Falls Park and enjoyed the frozen Falls before the temperature dropped.

As mentioned, the 2012 summer cruise schedule planning is coming together. A number of locations and cruises are annual events, while other dates are opportunities to try new things. A number of host businesses grant the proceeds from the meals to the council's charitable fund. We will be hosting the Root Beer Float Social at Children's Home Society and our annual poker run. There are a lot of considerations, negotiations and other details involved in planning our summer schedule: dates, locations, parking availability, volunteer labor, traffic flow, prior history, competing venues and weather to name a few. The clubs of the Siouxland Car Council are always looking for additional input from members during this planning, and you are invited to all meetings. I'm always proud of how many Great Plains Street Rodders attend planning meetings and contribute to the success of summer cruising.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president for another year. I really appreciate the support of so many friends. Without your help, I would not be able to do this job. Also, on behalf of all the officers, we really enjoy working with friends to achieve goals together. Fun continues to be our main goal.

Membership follows the calendar year. As always, to make it easier on volunteers, please renew early so officers, Jayne DeBoer and Marilyn Haper, may finish annual membership renewal tracking. Thank you for being members, the club is fun and active because of your participation.

For a color copy of the newsletter, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



Always Loved Trucks

By Bob Schmeichel

Growing up on a 2,000-acre ranch in east Texas, motorcycles and pickups were the everyday mode of transportation for Mark Bowers in his younger years. Mark's dad told him at the age of 12 that he could have the '56 Ford pickup that had sat behind the house for the last eight years in the weeds. Not being able to drive legally in Texas kept Mark from doing anything with the '56 pickup until he was 15 going on 16. Then with the help of a couple of friends, he changed spark

plugs and put in a new gas tank to bring life to the truck that sat for so long. After that, they removed the trees that had grown in the box over the years and cleaned up the rest of the pickup as much as they could. Mark was excited with thoughts of his new found freedom of driving himself around but waited until he turned 16. Once he turned 16, the fun and driving memories began including his first speeding ticket. Mark admits to not knowing very much mechanically at the time as he found out when he installed three car stereos in the '56 only to have each one blow up before someone told him that Fords have a positive ground. So after that, and even on dates, the music in the '56 was provided by a transistor radio. Mark had the '56 Ford pickup for a couple years then bought a '55 Chevy pickup. After the '55 Chevy pickup, but he bought an '82 Chevy pickup, then an '86 Nissan pickup, and then a '67 Chevy pickup. He said he always liked the style of the '67/'68 Chevy pickups and it was his dream to have one.

After graduation from college, Mark was working and living in Dallas when he met Lana. After a couple of years, they fell in love and decided to get married in 1987. After living in Dallas for six years, they to move back to Lana's home town of Sioux Falls and make a go of a business at a little bit slower pace. Before the move back to Sioux Falls, they sold a good share of what they had to make the move easier including the '67 Chevy pickup. For the next 11 years, most of Mark's attention was on growing his business, but he did manage to find and buy another 1968 Chevy pickup whose previous owner told him it was all original with factory air. Mark drove the pickup as he did in Texas, as a mode of transportation around town, until 2009 when he decided to restore it as a gift to himself. After he got into it, he discovered it didn't have the original engine and wasn't sure if the cab of the truck was original either. Instead of restoring it to original, Mark decided to customize and hot rod the truck. The process began with pulling the body and box off the frame and bringing everything up to better-than-new, off-the-showroom condition. Every suspension part, right down to every nut and bolt, was replaced on the frame. A new engine and overdrive transmission were installed in the frame, too. You could still eat off the frame today if you wanted to because it is that clean. After the body work was done, Mark searched and found Joe Foster at Custom Joe's in Tea who came up with the exact paint theme direction Mark was looking for. It was based on the Greek God Poseidon's Trident spear, which utilized three colors: blue on the bottom representing water, silver on the top representing the sky, and orange in between representing fire with the spear in the flame shapes around the rear. Mark expressed that he and his family truly enjoy driving and showing his truck along with getting to know club members and the different directions mention he would like to put but to build a pull-behind places they haven't been yet.



SCHMEICHEL 2012

Sympathy Offered

We extend our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Brad Goebel and his family. Brad's father, William E. Goebel, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2011, with his loving family at his side. A memorial was sent on behalf of all Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

Great Plains Street Rodders, Thank you for the gift in my father's honor. Bill was very involved in Scouting since he was a young boy. In remembrance of Bill, your gift will be passed along to other young Scouts. Thank you for your thoughts & prayers, Brad & Darla Goebel

Volunteers Recognized

The club is blessed to have so many helpful volunteers. Every year essential member contributions are recognized. Bob Schmeichel was recognized for his monthly Feature Car paintings and stories. Derrick Stokes was recognized for his continued website and contact updates. Susan Seachris was recognized for her monthly newsletter editing and layout.

At the meeting many others also were acknowledged: Officers – Jayne DeBoer, Marilyn Haper, and Clay Seachris; Meet-n-Eat Coordinators – Gary and Audrey Jorgenson, Terry and Sandy Peterson, Maritta Husman, and Linda Geister.

The friendship **everyone brings** makes everything from attending, volunteering, and planning to coordinating fun.

Hobo Stew Social



Hobo Stew Party is January 22, at the Shrine at 4:30 p.m.

All car enthusiasts, spouses and families are invited. Bring a can (or jar) of vegetables for the stew: tomatoes, carrots, corn, peas, beans or anything you'd find in a stew. Also, please bring a second can for donation to Feeding South Dakota, formerly known as The Food Pantry. Great Plains Street Rodders usually bring cookies, bars, cakes and pies, etc. for the event. Thank you Classie Autos for opening the Shrine.

Valentines Party

Don't miss the Valentine's party at the Bandon Steakhouse, Feb. 15. The meet-n-eat committee has the meeting room reserved and is shopping for Valentine's gifts to make the night extra special. The club asks, "Would you be my Valentine?"



Club Membership

Thank you for renewing. When renewals are paid, our officers, Jayne DeBoer and Marilyn Haper, can relax at the meet-n-eats. You may mail 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.

January Birthdays

Tyler Swanger	1
Larry Gannon	3
Shanda Gronseth	3
Ike Wiese	5
Grace Bradshaw	5
Glenna Burns	7
Ron Husman	10
Jean Tlustos	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
John Lynch	15
Randy Ludwig	16
Bev Umland	19
Carlotta McKittrick	20
LaDell Mertens	21
Doreen Wiese	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Butch Yesda	29
Nancy Jellis	31

January Anniversaries

Ike and Doreen Wiese	12
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February Birthdays

Derrick Stokes	1
Don Jones	2
Jane Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Faye Gallagher	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14
Morris Fick	17
Ken Buchanan	18
Ron Roe	23
Joyce Gough	23
Art Umland	25
Don Hood	26

February Anniversaries

Roger and Cheryl Van Noort	3
Larry and Janet Gannon	11
Terry and Sandy Peterson	11
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



Streetrodder Miles

Cruising the highways in 2011



New Year's Eve Day 2011 - Falls Park



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 Distinctive GTO "Goat"

Here are two shots from 1967 of Larry Lungren's beautiful 1965 GTO; one taken at Thunder Valley Dragways and the other at Mark Lovro's Phillips 66 Station at 41st and Western Ave. This car had a very distinctive sound with headers and "Pacesetter" mufflers; you always knew when it was coming down the street! It had a variety of power combinations, but was primarily the 3-2 bbl (360hp) 389 engine with a Muncie 4-speed and 4.33 gears. At some point in life, Larry put in a really nasty roller cam that made it sound even more menacing than it already was. As you can see in the pictures, Larry had it sitting just as high as it would go, as was very popular in the late 60s.

Here's an interesting tidbit on this car...Larry worked at a propane dealership on 41st Street by I-29, and the owner just happened to keep a goat (the 4-legged variety) there for weed control. One day Larry came out to find the goat standing on the roof of his GTO (goat). It's true...you can't make this stuff up! The car suffered some paint and body damage and at that point Larry changed the color to black.



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

Every October, Great Plains Street Rodders transition to a supper social club. Hotrods optional. Please join us. Many of these gatherings have special group rates. Guests are welcome. Schedule is also posted on greatplainsstreetrodders.com

Jan. 18 – Cici's Pizza

5007 S. Louise Avenue, SF
\$5.99 Buffet- Special Priced

Jan. 22 – HOB0 Stew, (Sunday)

El Riad Shrine, 510 S. Phillips
4:30 p.m. Bring 2 canned items.

Jan. 25 – Rookies Bar & Grill

2616 S. Louise Avenue, SF
Regular menu items

Feb. 1 – Pizza Ranch, 41st

2717 W. 41st Street, SF
Regular menu items

Feb. 8 – Hy-Vee Deli

3000 S. Minnesota Ave., SF
Regular menu items

Feb. 15 – Valentine's Party ♥♥

Brandon Steakhouse

1308 Rushmore Dr., Brandon
Regular menu items

Feb. 22 – Roll'n Pin Restaurant

3015 W. Russell Street, SF
Regular menu items

Feb. 29 – The Keg, W57th

5301 W. 57th Street, SF,
Special Priced Buffet

Mar. 7 – Champps

2101 W. 41st Street, SF,
Regular menu items

Mar. 14 – Cici's Pizza

5007 S. Louise Avenue, SF,
\$5.99 Buffet

Mar. 21 – Tea Steakhouse

215 S. Main Avenue, Tea,
Regular menu items

REMINDER: Check your ticket for group gratuity inclusion.

** Tip may be included already.**



Classified Ads
(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – Qwick Lift Style
Drive-on car lift, portable, easy to set-up and use. Great tool to get under your car in minutes. Call Ron 332-4543

FOR SALE – GM 12 Bolt Rear-End, complete, non-posi unit. This rear-end came out of a '72 Monte Carlo SS, so it has the extra SS side brackets, hose and 4 links with it. This rear-end is direct factory 12 bolt fit for '68 - 72 Chevelle, '70 Buick Special, '70 - 72 Grand Prix, '70 - 72 Monte Carlo, '71 - 72 Sprint (G.M.) and a '70 - 72 Tempest. These GM rear-end are getting very hard to find anymore. Asking \$500.00. Call 351-6263 Larry G.

FOR SALE – 3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end (excellent condition), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill 605 366-1158

FOR SALE – 1952 Packard parts, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571

FOR SALE – 1976 Ford Torino Elite two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Call Ken Buchanan 605 212-2821

FOR SALE – 1987 Chevy Corvette, 93K, owned for 14 yrs, new tires, new brakes, \$15,000 Call Virgene 351-2019

FOR SALE – 1957 Chevy Chassis. Call Ron 332-4543



If there's enough interest, we may place a group order.

FOR SALE – Set of (4) KEYSTONE CLASSIC WHEELS, 14 x 6 with nuts (CHEVY) and caps. Some surface rust and in need of a good cleaning. BEST OFFER takes all. Butch Yesda @ 359-3914

WANTED – '66 - 67 Nova parts car, 2-door 4- door or wagon, and any parts for a '66 - 67 Nova. Call Larry 351-6263.

FOR SALE – 1927 Ford Coupe, All steel, Originally built 1959-60. 232 ci Studebaker w/ 3 spd. 16x10 American rears, Hallcraft wires on front, 54 Olds rear \$15,500 o.b.o. Call Dwight 371-5898

FOR SALE – NOS 1966 Chevelle rear bumper, still in GMs factory rubberized wrap. I've seen them listed on E-Bay in the \$450-\$500 range. The first \$375.00 cash will own it. Call Jerry 368-2418

FOR SALE – 1935 Chevy Standard Two-door Sedan, Lots of Streetrodder Mods. Former GPSR Feature Car Mustang front suspension, 8" Ford Rear, Pwr windows, A/C, Cruise, CD. \$31,000 Call Ike 507-920-61342

WANTED – GPSR Club Plaques. If you have an extra you'd like to sell, here's the "wants one" list: Vince Jones, Grant Geister, Linda Geister, Tyler Swanger, Josh Frock. Let Clay know if you want one, also.

Foss Field Drag Races

August 1957 Article from Ron Roe

Joe Foss Field will be alive Sunday with the drag races sponsored by the Igniters' Club.

Stock automobiles, motorcycles and hot rods will battle for the trophies Sunday. A number of new records are expected to be set in all classes.

As usual, the hot rod classes will provide the greatest thrills. Several cars will be on hand to develop almost unbelievable speeds.

A drag race is a contest in which the cars attempt to attain the maximum possible speed by accelerating from a dead stop in one-quarter of a mile.

Among the faster cars and drivers already entered are Claude Perron's 1932 Ford sedan, which is powered by a Chevrolet engine and has attained speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour in the quarter mile; George Dahr's dragster, a mobile powered, which tops 120 regularly; Bob Schriever and Harlan Ter Wee, Sioux Falls Igniter members who have a Chrysler-powered dragster. This machine is in the experimental stage yet but has reached 128 m.p.h.

A host of cars are expected from the Sioux City area. Drag races are held there every two weeks and much enthusiasm has resulted. Since Sioux Falls has been able to run only once a year, all of the drag race enthusiasts try to make it here.

All who wish to enter cars are welcome to do so.

Inspection of cars will take place from 8 a.m. to noon. Timing will begin at 10 and eliminations start at 1:30 p.m.