



Cruisin' News

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More Than Just a Merry Christmas

By Clay Seachris

President's message

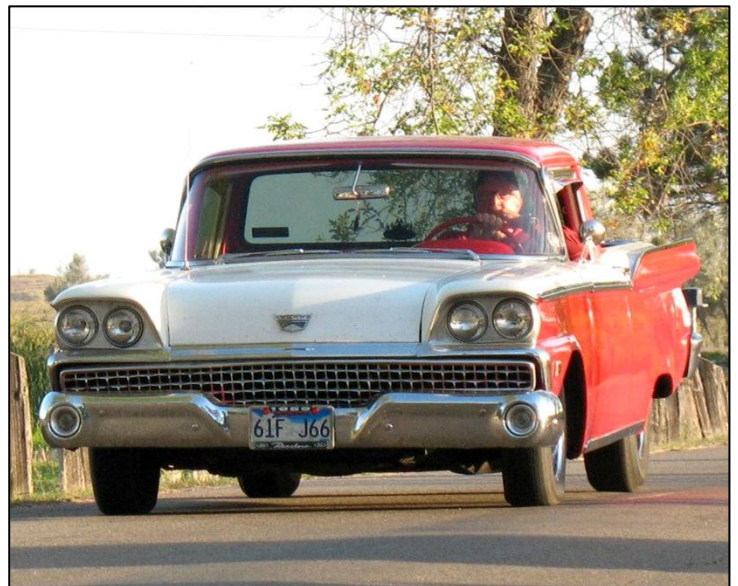
Thanksgiving always sets a reflective tone. That mindset followed me to our Christmas Party and Charitable Morning, so I'm still reflecting upon the blessing of being surrounded by such wonderful people. Those friendships and the kindness in this group are reinforced through active giving and positive fellowship. At the Christmas Party, I openly thanked the many volunteer coordinators and helpers from last year, but I left out a major group, all the participants in this club. We are so blessed with many friends who actively enjoy participating and sharing their time to attend events and make them fun and successful. Always keep in mind we are fortunate to be a large enough group to have plenty volunteers, so you should not feel obligated to work an event. I always believe in sayings, "the more the merrier" and "many hands make light work."

Your input and ideas also keep this a dynamic group, so as always, if you have ideas or want to coordinate an event, we'll do our best to make it happen. Through the years we've gained valuable experience staging events, but each new coordinator brings fresh ideas and abilities to pull off successful activities. A new coordinator may also have a better approach to things we've unsuccessfully tried on prior occasions, so again let me know.

While setting up the 2013 membership database for renewals, I noticed we currently have 202 members. That's an increase of 50 people in five years. An interesting point at the Christmas party was with an attendance of over 80 people, we were still close enough to notice and miss those close friends who were unable to attend. It's amazing to be surrounded with that many friends and still be so close that individuals don't get forgotten when they're not around. I guess you're never lost in a crowd, when it's all friends. ☺

I look forward to another wonderful year with you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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



What Goes Around Comes Around

By Bob Schmeichel

Anyone who has been around the car hobby for 35 years or longer knows Ken Jump as a good friend. Ken is a humble sort of guy who lets the quality of his work or cars speak for him. He has always done all of his own work, whether it be mechanical, body work or paint at his own body shop in Harrisburg. These days, however, after being sort of retired, the body shop has become a build or storage location for Ken's own personal projects.

Eleven years ago, a friend asked Ken if he could find a 1961 Chevy bubble top car for him like one he had in high school. With that request, Ken enlisted a buddy he has in Rapid City to help with the search. A couple weeks later a car was found in Mitchell and brought to Sioux Falls by his buddy from Rapid City. Bringing the interested party together with the '61 Chevy, the sale was immediate. Ken was also having a hard time not drooling over the car, too. With only 45,000 original miles, the soft-yellow exterior, six-cylinder and three-speed, it was a very desirable car. Before the car went away, Ken mentioned to his friend that if he ever wanted to sell the car to let him know. Then in August of 2011, ten years had gone by with the owners of the '61 Chevy losing interest, and Ken was called. It didn't take long, and Ken had the 1961 Chevy he had looked at 10 years earlier in his shop in Harrisburg. He was surprised to see that it had been driven only 200 miles during the time they had it. Ken put the car in a corner of his shop 'til February 2012 while he thought about what he would do with it.

Once he had his ideas, the six-cylinder stick combination came out and a 350 with a five-speed went in. After installing power steering and brakes, he got heavy into detailing the body with wet sanding the entire 20-year-old repaint job with 2,000-grit sand paper and rubbing it out. New outside trim and Torque Thrust wheels were added finishing the picture bringing the car right back into the 60s again really making a statement when seen today. Now there are other people drooling around the car instead of Ken who is usually standing back smiling. Out of all the cars Ken has built and sold over the years, this one is his wife Susan's favorite because of its total original inside and outside appearance. If I know Susan, I doubt this '61 Chevy will ever be sold!



SCHMEICHEL 2012

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kirk and Michelle Lee. Their daughter, Ashlyn, passed away November 15. Kirk, Michelle and Ashlyn are long-time Great Plains Street Rodders. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

Happy Retirement

Debbie Yesda is looking forward to more time around her street rodders friends. She recently retired from 35 years of service at Sears. Congrats, Deb.



Congrats Denny & Betty

Dennis and Betty Heidebrink married over 50 years ago and they've been cruising together ever since. Denny is a founding club member. Betty is one of the wives who got women involved in the club years ago. She still remarks, "Hey, us girls like to cruise, too."



Directory Photos

We've started implementing a photo program that allows the club to have photo name tags and your photo in our membership directory. Thank you to Mark Bowers for making this happen. Club members have wanted this for a while, but the technology was beyond our grasp. The Christmas Party was a good kick-off for this program, and after a few minor glitches, all worked well so far.



Feature Car Option

You now have the opportunity to have your Featured Car seen in Motor Market Magazine, also. The magazine asked Bob Schmeichel and offered to publish his work, also. The club will only pass along your feature article with your permission, so if you'd like to decline, that's fine. Contact Bob Schmeichel if you're interested. This includes prior features, also.



December Birthdays

Barb Schriever	17
Terri Reilly	19
LeAnne Phillips	20
Helen Jensen	21
Dustin Gronseth	22
Josephine "Josie" Bowers	24
Roger Corkill	24
Craig Nussbaum	28
Ellen Van Noort	30
Chris Johnson	31

December Anniversaries

Mark and Lana Bowers	19
Glenn and Cathy Walker	19
Eric and Patt Anderson	20
Bill and Lana Kullander	20
Owen and Carlotta McKittrick	28

January Birthdays

Tyler Swanger	1
Larry Gannon	3
Shanda Gronseth	3
Ike Wiese	5
Glenna Burns	7
Ron Husman	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
John Lynch	15

January Anniversaries

Ike and Doreen Wiese	12
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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.

Club Officers Continue

All your current Great Plains Street Rodders officers have enjoyed another year of management. A short meeting at the Christmas Party resulted with no officer changes in 2103. Thank you to all our current officers. Membership renewals are one of the most tedious tasks. So please renew early. It's still just \$10.

Who's Been Naughty and Who's Been Nice



Did Bill Kullander keep his cool vintage puzzle?



A Christmas tree candle holder that Lori Paulson opened was a hot item. Who took it home?



Verlyn Ramse opens a cool tin sign.



David Frock opens another gift. ☺ That's what happens when you pick the hot ones.



Did Tyler Swanger get to keep his gas pump? Or, did Vince Jones end up with it?



Joyce Olsen is caught stealing a gift from Sandy Jones.



Maritta Husman displays her spoils – chocolate wine.



LaDell Mertens opens a cute frog and Randy Ludwig has a car calendar and storage rack, but not for long.



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.



Sweet Little Chevy II

GPSR member Bill Kullander bought this sky blue 1962 Chevy II Nova convertible in May of 1962, two hours after it was parked on the showroom floor at Jay-Shon Chevrolet, here in Sioux Falls. The car was equipped with a 194 ci, 120hp six-cylinder engine and three-speed column-shifted transmission. Two weeks after buying the car, Bill and friend Daryl Vanderploeg installed a Hurst floor shift at Park Ridge Texaco (26th and Western). Later, Missile Muffler "split" the exhaust manifold and installed dual exhaust; this gave the six-cylinder engine more performance and a very unique sound. Bob Schriever (Missile Muffler) also designed a carb adaptor for a larger carburetor, which further enhanced performance.

Bill bought a pair of 13-inch "cheater slicks" and mounted them on a spare set of Chevy II rims, and he was ready to go drag racing with the Sioux Falls "Chevy Racing Team"! According to Bill, the light-weight, six-cylinder powered car sent the NHRA classification team into a "real tizzy" each time Bill showed up to race the little convertible. They eventually classified him into the lowest class available at the time: M/Street Stock. Bill won five class trophies in five outings with the car. Only once did he have competition in the class; a Ford Falcon that he beat by a couple car lengths in the quarter mile. I remember being at Sioux City watching Bill race the convertible; a buddy of mine and I hauled his slicks down in my friend's dad's station wagon. (I even have movies.) We were proud to be Bill's pseudo "pit crew"!

This car was also Bill and Lana's honeymoon car; they drove the convertible to Minneapolis in a blinding snowstorm on Dec. 21, 1963, for a three-day honeymoon at the Curtis Hotel. Bill sold the car in the summer of '64, and within a few short months the car was totaled in a car crash and spent its last days at Arndt's wrecking - a sad ending to a sweet little Chevy II.

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.

2012 Meet-n-Eat

Dec 19 – Woody's, S. Marion Road
Dec 26 – Denny's at Flying J
Jan 2 – Hy-Vee, 26th & Sycamore
Jan 9 – Fryn' Pan, W. 41st St.
Jan 16 – The Cracker Barrel
Jan 23 – Denny's at Flying J
Jan 30 – Rookies, S. Louise Ave.

Feb 6 – Pizza Ranch, E. 10th St.
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.



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

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 – 1987 Corvette, 93K, owned for 14 yrs, new tires, new brakes, \$15,000, C4 White Call Virgene 351-2019



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

STORAGE SPACE RENTAL The old Northwestern Bank building (the round one) located on Dakota Ave, between 9th and 10th streets on East side. Believed to be: \$95 per month, indoor storage in lower level, climate controlled with plug-in for battery tenders. For your own first-hand information contact "Dawn" at 336-2410.

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