



# Cruisin' News

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## Build Season Begins

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

South Dakotans are familiar with the two-season premise of winter and construction. In our hobby we have two seasons also: summer cruise and construction. Our construction or build season begins in the fall when it's too cold to be out cruising. It's the time when hotrods get upgrades, maintenance or siblings added to the family. We've mentioned many times, "If not for the off-season, how would we build new or update our old hotrods." As friends, we help each other with those builds, but the build season is a time of much more than just hotrod building. It's also a great friendship building time as our social gatherings vary according to our common interests. Together we visit museums, visit wineries, take tours, shop, take classes, play games and anything friends enjoy doing together. So, if you've got something in mind you'd like to do with friends, pass it along to me. I'll be glad to share it with the group and we can coordinate an event. It's been a couple years since we've rented a tour bus, so maybe interest and attendance would be high enough to do that again. Traveling together is always fun and friendship support (just like on summer long-distance cruises) is always reassuring.

The Meet-n-Eat Committee has the Wednesday schedule full until cruise season begins again in May 2013. It's always nice to visit some of our regular favorite restaurants and try new ones also. Maritta Husman and Nancy Jellis have shared a number of details regarding our annual Christmas Party, and it is shaping up to be better than ever. Mark Bowers is working on a name tag and directory program that will allow the use of photos, so we are looking to take ID-style photos at the Christmas Party. Back by popular demand - Tony's is catering.

I miss getting behind the wheel of a hotrod, but look forward to another fun social "build season" with all of you as we beat the winter blues together. See you next Wednesday evening.

For a color copy of the newsletter, go to our website [greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://greatplainsstreetrodders.com).





## *More Room*

By Bob Schmeichel

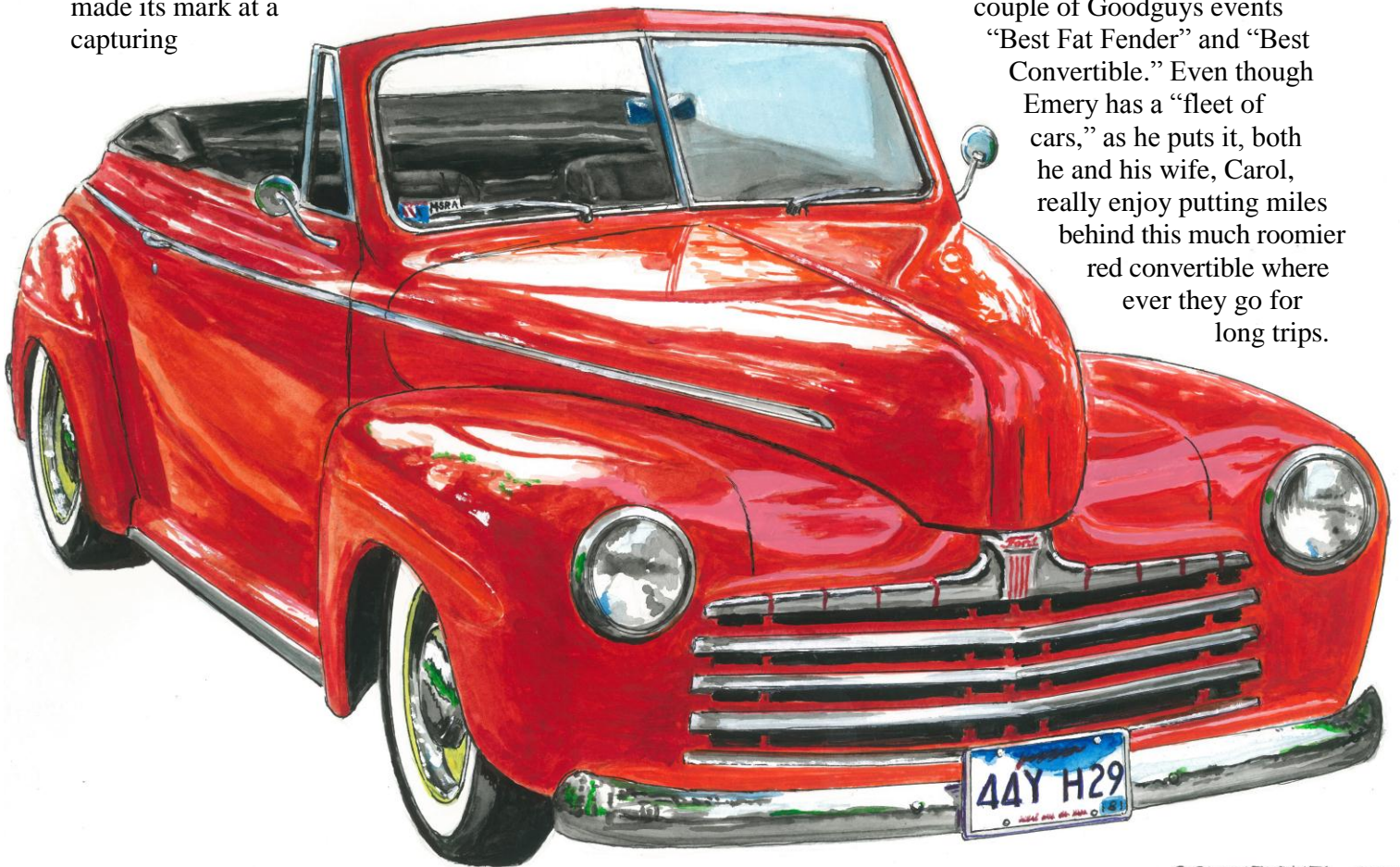
Emery Lee is one of those guys who has been into street rods for over 30 years. After driving a 1933 Ford Cabriolet for a number of those years, along with getting a little older, he felt the need to have a car with a little more room inside.

Then in 2001, he remembered a 1946 Ford convertible that Jim Keyman had started building before he passed away and approached Barb Keyman about selling it. Barb didn't really know that much about the car, so she handed it off to her son, Joey, to help Emery figure out what was there in pieces. As they looked around in the garage, they noticed that it was Jim's intention to make a Mercury out of the '46 Ford by installing Mercury front sheet metal, which was the only difference in that year. The engine going into the car was the beginnings of a blown big block Chevy and a Corvette rear end that was confusing how it was going to work being already mounted in the frame. The main body itself was quite pristine sheet metal wise, so an offer was put out and accepted for all that they looked at.

After getting everything home, Emery almost immediately sold the blown big block Chevy while contacting Mike and Don Jones to put the car together for him. After much discussion with Mike about the frame, it was decided to scrap the present frame with the Corvette rear end in lieu of a new Roadster Shop Chassis complete with a Heidts front end and coil overs all around. The engine-trans combination came in the form of a newer LS-1 Chevy with a 4L60 overdrive model. Mike Jones did most of the assembly of the entire car with all the newer options of power steering, power disc brakes, power windows along with a stereo and disc changer. Most of the chrome was replaced or trim polished to bring it back to better-than-new appearance to help the new, red exterior pop. The whole process took about five years to complete, but once done the car made its mark at a capturing



couple of Goodguys events "Best Fat Fender" and "Best Convertible." Even though Emery has a "fleet of cars," as he puts it, both he and his wife, Carol, really enjoy putting miles behind this much roomier red convertible where ever they go for long trips.



## Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gary Jorgenson and his family. Gary's mother, Bernice Muller, passed away October 12. The club sent a memorial to Gary and Audrey on behalf of all fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

## Thanks Given

Thanks for the memorial gift and your thoughts and prayers after the loss of my mother.

We have enjoyed the close friendships and support of the Great Plains Streetrodders for many years. It is a privilege to be associated with such a great car club and we look forward to our weekly get together. Thanks, Gary & Audrey (Jorgenson)

## Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Michelle "Mickie" Sweeney and her family. John Sweeney passed away November 8. John and Mickie have been members for a short time; we're all grateful for the fun times we had together. The club will be sending a memorial.



## Congrats Vince & Sandy

Fellow members Sandy Swalley and Dr. Vince Jones were married October 13. Dr. Jones is a dentist at Family Dental Center, and Sandy is the Children's Inn's Parenting Coordinator. Congratulations guys, see you soon. ☺

## Christmas Party

The club Christmas Party is Saturday, December 8 at the Sioux Valley Energy Building.



The social starts at 5 p.m. The catered dinner buffet is at 6 p.m. followed by the gift exchange game. To play the gift exchange, bring a gender-specific gift that costs \$10. Tentatively, Tony's will be catering bacon-wrapped chicken breasts, roast beef, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, rolls, peach crisp, ice cream, coffee, soda and water. Catered-meal tickets will be on sale soon. See Gary Jorgenson or Terry Peterson for a meal ticket.



## Charitable Morning

Meet on December 8, at Driveline Service at 9:00 a.m. on the corners of Western and Burnside. Mike and Lori Paulson are hosting a morning social of rolls, juice and coffee. We'll visit there until 10:00 a.m. Santa Claus dropped off one of his outfits so a willing helper may take his place for the morning visit with the children at Children's Inn. Please bring your charitable food and gift items to Driveline Service. We'll unload together at Children's Inn.



## November Birthdays

Maritta Husman	18
Don Mertens	21
Doug Van Noort	22
Dwight Johnson	28
Keith Schmuck	29
Jane Sletten	29

## November Anniversaries

Denny and Betty Heidebrink	16
Gerry and LeAnne Phillips	30

## December Birthdays

Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Lana Bowers	7
Gary Ebright	11
Dorothy Holmbeck	13
Vince Jones	13
Verlyn Ramse	13
Cathy Walker	13

## December Anniversaries

Morris and Beth Fick	1
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## 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.

## Cranberry Sangria

Thank you to Roger and Cheryl Van Noort for hosting a wine social. A number of people asked for the cranberry sangria recipe that Susan Seachris brought, so here's the easy-to-make recipe.

- 1 bottle (750 ml) cranberry wine
- 12 oz. Welch's frozen concentrate of cranberry pomegranate blend
- 1 cup orange juice
- ½ orange, sliced
- ½ lemon, sliced

Stir together, refrigerate for 2-4 hours. Add 1 liter bottle of 7-Up before serving.



# *Recent Snapshots*





## Photographs and Memories

by Tom Olsen



### Mother Skunk

Ron Thorson, presently from Rapid City, SD, has owned this 1968 Olds 442 W-30 since he bought it new in 1967! He named the car "Mother Skunk" and raced the car in D/Stock with others in what they called the Skunk Racing Team. Mother Skunk is fairly rare; manufacturer records indicate only 315, 1968 442's Sports Coupe (sedan) models with the W-30 option. (How many of these cars could possibly still exist today?) W-30's included, among other things, a 360hp/400ci engine featuring a special outside air induction system. These engines had three 2-barrel carbs and large cold air ducts under the front bumper that fed cooler air through ducting up to the air cleaner.



With the 4-speed transmission, Ron regularly ran in the 12.80's on 7-inch slicks as a legal D/Stocker. Ron lived in Sioux Falls back in 1964-'65 when I got to know him, and I was pleasantly surprised to see him and Mother Skunk at Automania 2011. Mother Skunk has been restored and maintained in "as raced" condition all these years. What a great time capsule!

## 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

Nov 21 – Crack'd Pot, N. Minn. Ave.  
Nov 28 – Boss' Pizza & Chicken  
Dec 05 – Sneaky's Chicken, West 12th  
Dec 08 – **Christmas Party**, SVE Bldg.  
Dec 12 – Buffalo Wild Wings, S. Louise  
Dec 19 – Woody's, S. Marion Road  
Dec 26 – Denny's at Flying J

Jan 2 – Hy-Vee, 26<sup>th</sup> & Sycamore  
Jan 9 – Fryn' Pan, W. 41<sup>st</sup> St.  
Jan 16 – The Cracker Barrel  
Jan 23 – Denny's at Flying J  
Jan 30 – Rookies, S. Louise Ave.  
Feb 6 – Pizza Ranch, E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Feb 13 – **Valentine's Day**, TBD

Feb 20 – Hy-Vee, 26<sup>th</sup> & Sycamore  
Feb 27 – Roll'n Pin, W. Russell  
Mar 6 – Fryn' Pan, W. 41<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1933 Plymouth**  
Beautiful California Originated  
Hotrod, 350/350, Light Tan  
Leather Interior, Mustang Front  
Suspension, Street Ready,  
Selling for Estate, Call Eric  
Anderson (712) 380-4969



**FOR SALE – 1946 Ford  
Deluxe Coupe, Street Rod,**  
350ci, Auto, A/C, Pwr Windows,  
Remote Doors, Awesome Driver,  
\$25,000 Call Buck 351-2019



**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 – 1947 Chevy  
2-Door Sedan,** All original,  
Stored inside for many years,  
Very Solid hotrod project.  
Call Glenn Walker 336-7070

**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**  
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