



Cruisin' News

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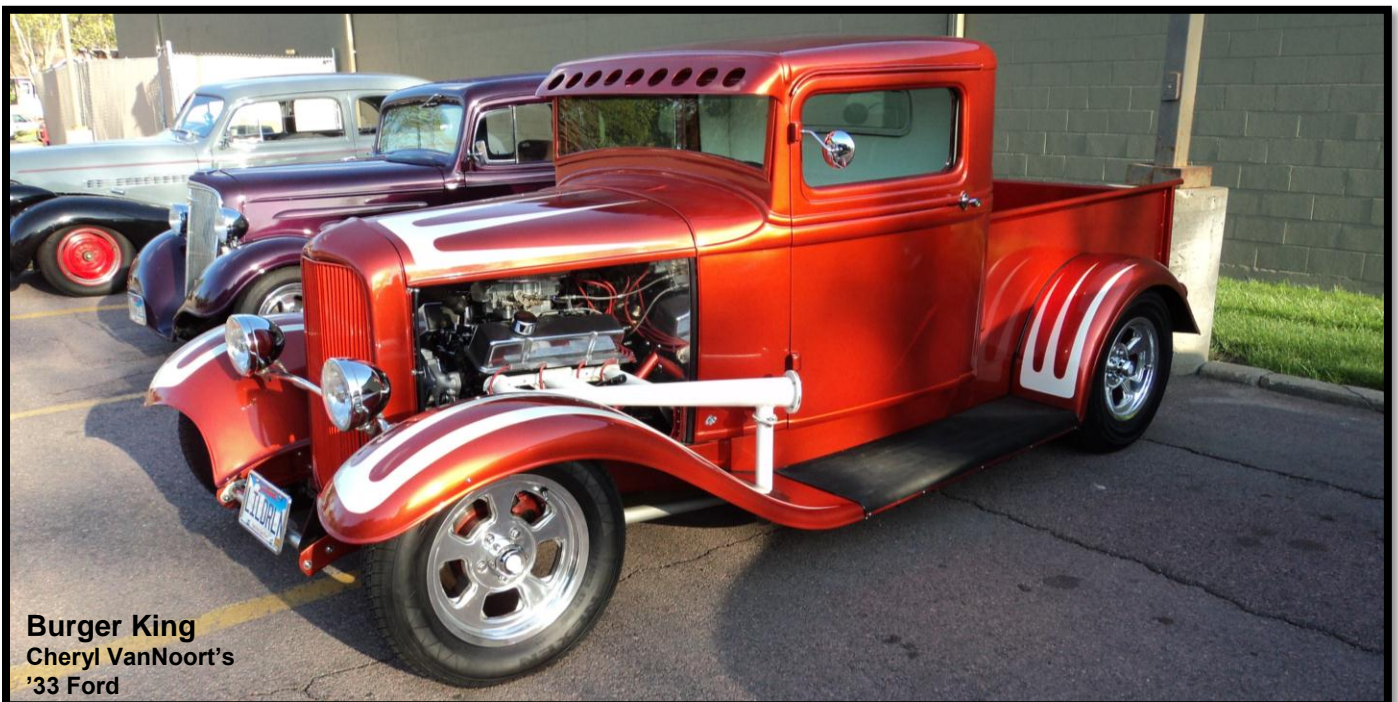
Approachable, Inviting and Open

By Clay Seachris
President's message

Recently, I read an opinion article where an individual shared a rude experience from a “snob car club” as he was parking at a national show. His perceived view point was that car clubs were just cliques with too many rules limiting its members. I found it humorous that he failed to recognize another great car club had organized the event he was attending, but the stated details of his snob club perception held merit. As I read, I kept thinking his portrayal is just the opposite attitude of what car clubs should bring to our hobby. As a large group of close friends, I think we're conscious to make sure we're inviting, approachable, and open to meeting new people, extending friendships, and growing the hobby. Always remember, our closeness can be misunderstood and intimidating. We can all remember being the awkward new person and how great it was when someone approached, introduced themselves, and said, “Come on over and meet these other people.” I'll always remember the strangers who approached Susan and me on cruise night. We looked for their cars at events because I knew they were friendly. It was a while before they shared that they were Great Plains Street Rodders and then later, one of the wives asked us to join. Please keep this in mind during cruising season, as we hang out with close friends, to take time to be approachable, inviting and open.

A number of annual events have already passed. NSRA Inspection Day had good attendance, and as usual, the Renner Garage was a great host location. The Papik Spring Rally had a number of cars that cruised to Luverne together and enjoyed a day of free burgers and socializing. A month's worth of Wednesday and Saturday night cruises are behind us. This month offers a ton of fun events, so look forward to cruising.

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Burger King
Cheryl VanNoort's
'33 Ford

Going the Distance

By Bob Schmeichel

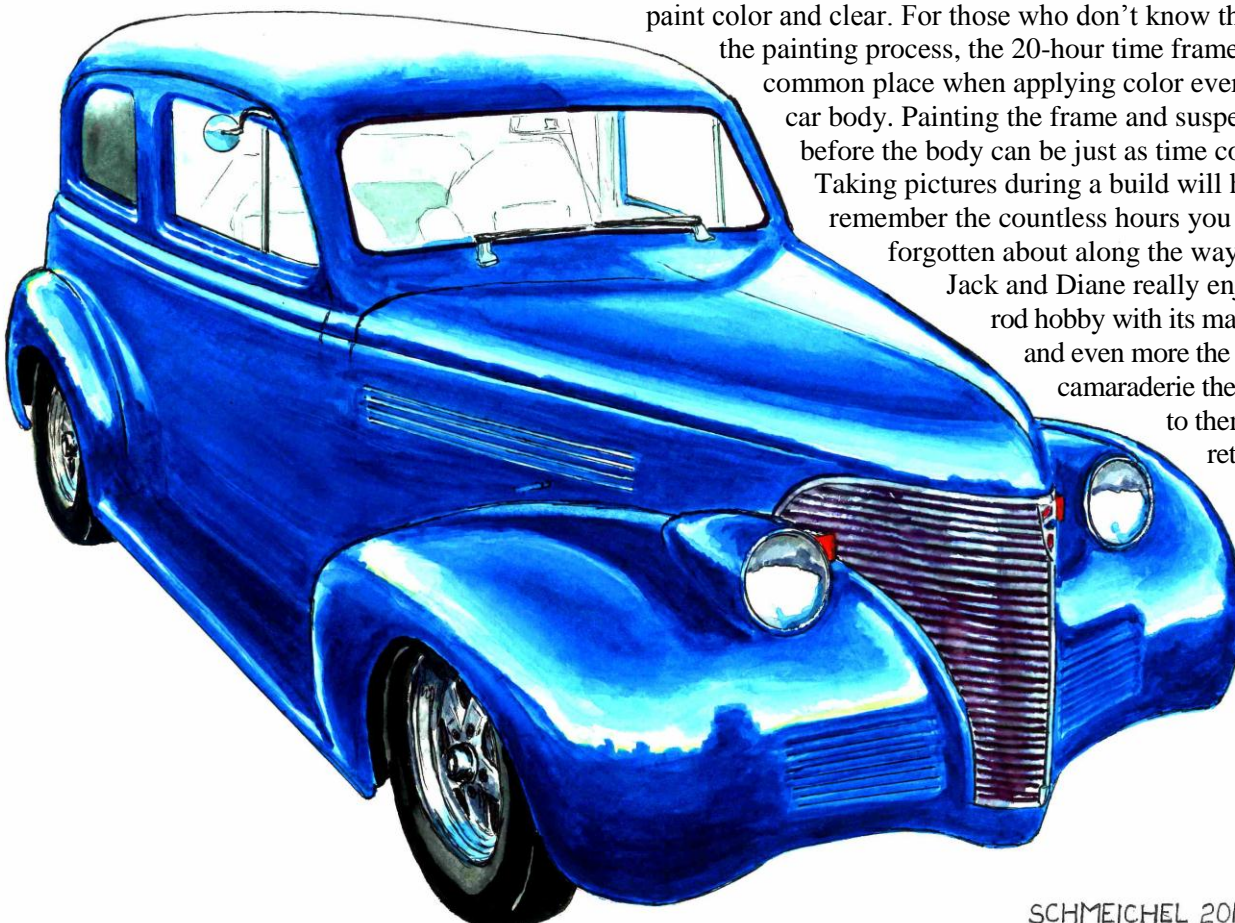
Wishes or desires are a main driving force each of us has deep inside to help us achieve direction to an end goal in all facets of life. By the time this is published, Jack Boatright and his wife, Dianne, will have fulfilled one of Jack's main bucket list items he has been excited about for quite a few years. The thing I am talking about is a car-people-related event put together by Hot Rod magazine called the "Power Tour." This year it has been slated as the world's largest group road trip starting in Milford, Michigan, with 4,500 registered cars participating. The idea for the group is to travel south 200 to 300 miles a day for seven days ending up in Arlington, Texas. I can't imagine the parade of people, colors, and sounds going down the road every day that someone would see sitting on the side of the road. Each night with a designated stop the group makes along the way, the picture becomes a car show in that city. Not only does this whole event take an unbelievable amount of continual planning every day for and by everyone, but can be grueling on a car if it is not put together well. Jack proved to himself last year that his 1939 Chevy was truly road worthy when he and Dianne drove to Vancouver, British Columbia, and back covering 4,500 miles without missing a beat. I told him when you do that you gain a lot of self confidence in your abilities and what you put together. Smiling, he agreed whole heartily saying the Power Tour is next and running with the group. I kind of compare it to running with the bulls in Europe, only you are in control as you venture out each day going a comfortable pace and enjoying the sights along the way while gaining new friends.

The history of Jack and his car is not exactly short. He bought the body in 2002 and tore it apart. It sat for three years while he contemplated how he wanted it to come together but not without a lot of thought and planning. After deciding what to do, the next five years Jack pushed himself to do **everything** on the car that he could to get it on the road. He mentioned that when he was ready to paint the car, it took him over 20 hours straight just to apply the paint color and clear. For those who don't know that much about

the painting process, the 20-hour time frame is pretty common place when applying color every place on a car body. Painting the frame and suspension first before the body can be just as time consuming. Taking pictures during a build will help you remember the countless hours you may have forgotten about along the way.

Jack and Diane really enjoy the street rod hobby with its many directions and even more the strong camaraderie the club has given to them in their retirement years.

Jack recently bought another car to build to start the story all over again.



Thanks Given

Thank you to all the Great Plains Street Rodders, it means the world to me that most of the club was able to attend my graduation party. Most of all, thank you for everything the club has given me. I am truly grateful for your love, and feel very blessed to be part of a second family. Tyler Swanger

Thanks Given

I just wanted to say thank you for all you have done and are doing for Tyler. I know the drive by on his graduation means so much to him. This has been a great organization for Tyler. He truly enjoys it and the whole group means the world to him. From the bottom of Scott's and my heart, thank you again. Cindy Newman "Tyler's Proud Mother"

Sympathy Offered

Melvin Holmbeck's sister, June Stoterau, passed away May 27. On behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders, our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Small Cruising World

Recently our club President got an email from the SODAK's George Roetman while on Hot Rod Magazine's Power Tour. As the hotrodders visited a downtown Detroit VA Hospital, George had noticed a guy in a Great Plains Street Rodders cap, and then saw a familiar South Dakota license plate on Jack & Dianne Boatright's '39 Chevy.

Children's Home Society

The Children's Inn Rootbeer Float Social is June 27, 5-8 p.m. This annual event allows us to share time with a great bunch of children and the people who take care of them. Please bring your extra car magazines for the kids. As usual, the club will be giving the children HotWheels toy cars. Thank you for helping to make this event a fun time.



Great Plains Poker Run

Our Annual Wednesday Night Poker Run is July 18. As usual: \$5 to play, 50% to best hand, 25% to 2nd and 25% to worst hand, we'll wrap up early enough and close to downtown for those who'd like to enjoy the Corvettes at Hot Summer Nites. The run is always fun with little twists to draw your poker hand. Terry Jellis already shared that he and Nancy will have a fun stop. Let's just hope it doesn't escalate to another water balloon war.



June Birthdays

Rickey Brandt	2
Sarah Stokes	6
Deb DeBoer	9
Shirley Fick	10
Ruby Johnson	12
Jason Jellis	13
Grace Lee	13
Brad Goebel	16
Larry Golden	19
Mike Paulson	20
Mary Ramstad	21
Denny Heidebrink	22

June Anniversaries

Brian & Grace Lee	4
Mike & Lori Paulson	4
Ron & Lynn Hammerschmidt	10
Clay & Susan Seachris	10
Gary & Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry & Kris Golden	12
Jeff & Jean Knowlton	13
Melvin & Dorothy Holmbeck	18
Mike & Deb DeBoer	25

July Birthdays

Karen Roe	3
Dianne Boatright	4
Eric Anderson	8
Jan Malcomb	10
John Moore	11
Karen Walker	12
Betty Jones	17
Roger Van Noort	20
Bones Hanson	21
Kirk Lee	23
Janet Gannon	24
Terry Peterson	25
Barb Buchanan	29
Gary Bockorny	30
Melvin Holmbeck	30
Art Slumskie	31

July Anniversaries

Butch and Debbie Yesda	1
Terry and Nancy Jellis	10
Roger and Dianne Corkill	11
Tom and Joyce Olsen	19
Dustin and Shanda Gronseth	24
Rick and Chris Johnson	28
Dale and Pat Kiebach	29
Art and Julie Slumskie	31

Recent Snapshots



Larry Henry Benefit
Ron & Karen Roe's
'56 Chevy Nomad



Dareo's Cruise
Gary Bowman
With Feature Car Print



Burger King
Gary Ebright's
'46 Nash 600



Larry Henry Benefit
Bill Kulander laughing with Vern Brown
Bill & Lana's '47 Ford Coupe
That's Bill's High School Car



NSRA Inspection
Ron and Maritta Husman
'71 Chevy Nova



A Cruise to Sonic
Jorgenson's '57
Holmbeck's '64
Peterson's '72
Ebright's '63

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.



1964 Thunderbolt

I was fortunate to see one of the original 1964 Ford Fairlane "Thunderbolts" race at the Sioux City Dragstrip in 1964. These cars were built by Ford specifically for Super Stock drag racing; approximately 100 cars were built. Ford sent Fairlane two-door sedans to Detroit Steel and Tubing Company where the cars were refitted with fiberglass front ends, doors, and bumpers. To save additional weight, interiors were gutted and replaced with lightweight bucket seats, no back seat, and Lexan windows were used. The cars were powered by the 427 Hi-Riser engine with dual 4-barrel carbs, headers, and many internal modifications. Most of the cars used 4-speed transmissions and there were numerous frame and suspension modifications. Several of the early Thunderbolts were first offered to the top drag racers of the day prior to "lesser" dealers acquiring one. A period-correct Thunderbolt is a very rare car today demanding prices well into the six figure range on the auction circuit.

Car Council Schedule

Every May we join with everyone at the Wednesday Night Cruises coordinated as a member club of the Siouxland Car Council. Schedule on siouxlandcouncil.info

2012 Summer Cruises

Jun 20 – Handy-Man Cruise

Ice cream at Walker's after cruise

Jun 27 – Children's Home Society

Root Beer Social, **GPSR host**

Jul 4 – No Cruise, Enjoy the 4th

Jul 11 – Jack Fox Park, Canton

Jul 18 – Poker Run, **GPSR host**

Jul 25 – Wall Lake – Ford Club

Aug 1 – Pontiac Club

Aug 8 – Snook's Drive-In

Aug 15 – Executive Touch/Subaru

Aug 22 – VA Car-n-Shine

Aug 29 – Bethany Meadows

Sep 5 – The Keg on W. 57th

Sep 12 – First Reformed Church

Sep 19 – The Cracker Barrel

Sep 26 – Sioux Valley Energy

During the summer, we're active participants and coordinators of many events. We coordinate cruises, picnics, and club trips to local and national car shows. The cruising off-season allows us to be a winter social supper club. Besides car and eating passions, our large group benefits from numerous diverse hobbies and interests shared and enjoyed together all year round.



Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – Three Rooms Left, Kool Deadwood Nights, Aces's and Eight's Lodge. 1.5 paved miles from Deadwood. Approx. \$360 for the 3-day weekend. Other club members are going. Garage available. Large deck, gas grill, views of Boulder Canyon and city of Deadwood. Call Mike DeBoer 351-7434



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 – Mag Wheels, Four unilug mag wheels; two 14x7.50 and two 14x 6.75 tires. The whole package for \$200. Call 370-2315 Jack Boatright



Recipe

Fritos Scotcheroos

from Tyler Swanger's Graduation Party

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups white syrup
- 1 ½ cups peanut butter
- 1 large bag or 2 small bags of Fritos Corn Chips

Place half of Fritos on a platter and pour half of syrup mixture over it. Put rest of Fritos on top and pour rest of syrup mix on top.

Melt:

- 1 cup chocolate chips
 - 1 cup butterscotch chips
- Drizzle melted chips over the Fritos and enjoy.

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

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



FOR SALE – (4) Keystone Klassic wheels, 14x7 Uni-lug Best Offer for Quick Sale, call Butch Yesda 359-3914

FOR SALE – Quick 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 – 1974 VW Karmann Ghia, 4-cylinder, 4-spd manual, nice driver ('74 was the last production year of this car) Priced to sell, \$3,800 Call Jules 361-1127



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

FOR SALE – (2) Garage Doors w/ hardware and opener. 7'x8', 3 yrs old & 4 yrs old. Call Faye Gallagher 338- 2774

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