



May 2012
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Summer's Here

By Clay Seachris President's message

Every May the Great Plains Street Rodders' meet-n-eat committee relaxes for the summer as we attend the public Siouxland Car Council cruises. It was another fun winter together. Gary and Audrey Jorgenson and Terry and Sandy Peterson coordinated some enjoyable weekly Wednesday night socials. Many other members did a wonderful job of hosting events, and once again we beat the winter blues. Jorgensons and Petersons are already planning for our next winter, and as always, appreciate your ideas and input. Every off-season seems to get better as we continue to learn and grow.

This summer remember to invite your friends and let them know a perfect show car is not necessary to be part of the fun. Great cars are cool, but people's great personalities make a longer lasting impression. People may join the Great Plains Street Rodders for the cars, but they stay because of the friendships.

Speaking of friendships, recently we joined together with the SODAK's from Vermilion and cruised to Nick's Burgers. Eight of our member cars and eight of theirs had a blast and made some instant friends. The drive was smooth on the interstate and Brooking's Main Street offered a variety of lunch stops. We have another Brookings Cruise planned for June 2, so keep an eye out for more details and again, your ideas and input are appreciated.

The recent rock-n-roll party at Metro Station was a fun evening. Of course we wouldn't expect anything less from such great hosts. It's nice to see such a large group so comfortable with each other that grabbing the microphone to sing karaoke and dance was done with such ease.

NSRA inspections just wrapped up, also. Our local inspectors did a lot of underside cleaning, making small repairs and pointing out possible future mechanical maintenance. Thanks to the volunteer inspectors.

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



A Fleasant Surprise

By Bob Schmeichel

In general, most young people today are so engrossed with texting on their phones that nothing else matters. If they have any interest in cars, all they want to do is turn the key on and go with the radio blasting. Not so is the case with our youngest Great Plains Street Rodder member, 18-year-old Tyler Swanger. I am proud to say Tyler, who can talk to anyone at great length about anything including cars, is a good friend to all. Still in high school and going to college at the same time, his short-term goal is to get a business degree with hopes of someday having a business of his own.



If you want to know anything about this 1984 Hurst/Olds that he is driving, just ask Tyler. This young man is a wealth of knowledge about Oldsmobile and its involvement with Hurst to create standout



performance cars that have been recognized since the late '60s. Tyler has bought much old memorabilia and anything related to this last Hurst-production-year car he is driving, not only to keep it fun, but to inform the public with at car shows so history is not forgotten.

Besides being production number 1,183 of 3,500 built and only half of total production still survive today, Tyler is excited about what the Hurst/Olds has that sets it apart from other muscle cars of the same 1980s era. With the factory wheels, the hood scoop, the front and rear spoilers, the T-tops, the special stripes and graphics, and the real high performance 307 cubic inch Oldsmobile engine, the thing that he gets the most enjoyment out of is seeing the reaction of people when they look inside the car and notice the floor shifter. It is a one-off creation from Hurst with three levers involved called "Lightening Rods" for manual shifting of the automatic transmission. There is a definite

learning curve to understanding how that works!! Today with the car still looking good in its original factory form and having only 87,000 miles on it, Tyler is really enjoying the feeling he gets from the car and what it represents. He said originally it went from just being a car to his biggest hobby as he dug in and found out more information, which he continues with today. And as I said earlier, talk to Tyler, you will be pleasantly surprised and have a smile on your face.



Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Junie Herschberger and her family. Junies' twin sister, Janice Robb, passed away April 23.

Thanks Given

Thank you to all my friends for your calls, visits, cards and emails as I recovered from nasal surgery. Your support meant a lot leading up to and following the procedure. Susan and I are blessed to be surrounded by such great friends. Thank you, Clay and Susan Seachris.

On Recovery Road

Best wishes go out to Ken Levene as he recovers from nasal surgery. We also look forward to seeing his 1959 Edsel Corsair as it returns to the road with its new paint job.



Back on Her Feet

Best wishes for a speedy recover go out to Karen Roe as she recovers from orthroscopic knee surgery. Sounds like it went well, so she and Ron will be back on the dance floor soon.

Thanks Metro Station

Thank you to Roger, Cheryl and the other Van Noorts for hosting a wonderful rock 'n roll party. It was a memorable night.

Buffalo Days Cruise-in

Buffalo Days Free Cruise-in is June 1, 6-10 p.m., downtown Luverne. Meet for ice cream at JJ's Tasty Drive-In, 804 S. Kniss Ave. after the show-n-shine.



Brookings Cruise June 2

Cruise to Brookings is June 2. Meet at Flying J at 12:30 p.m. then cruise to Brookings and eat downtown at 1:30 or 1:45 p.m.

Brooking's has dining options: SDSU Ice Cream, Pizza, Subway and Nick's Burgers.

Gynecologist Turned Mechanic

A gynecologist decided that he needed a career change. He'd always enjoyed tinkering with engines so thought he'd become a mechanic. So, he went to mechanics school and the final test was to strip the engine and to reassemble it. He took the final test and anxiously awaited his score. The day he received the results he got quite a surprise - he got 150 percent! He asked the instructor if that score was correct. The instructor said "yep, that's right. I gave you 50 percent for thoroughly stripping down the engine. Next, I gave you 50 percent for perfectly reassembling it. Then I gave you a 50 percent bonus for doing it all through the muffler. ©

May Birthdays

Bunny Brady	2
Barb Ramse	2
Cheryl Van Noort	5
James "Jim" Kuhle	6
Ron Heemstra	23
Gerry Phillips	24
Audrey Jorgenson	27
Roxie Edbright	28
Virgene Schrader	29
Candi Hanson	30
Darla Schmuck	30
Linda Geister	31

May Anniversaries

Brad and Darla Goebel	4
Kent and Terri Reilly	9
Mike and Sheila Miller	17
Ken and Barb Buchanan	27

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	t10
Clay & Susan Seachris	10
Gary & Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry & Kris Golden	12
Jeff & Jean Knowlton	13
Melvin & Dorothy Holmbeck	18
Mike & Deb DeBoer	25



Recent Event Snapshots





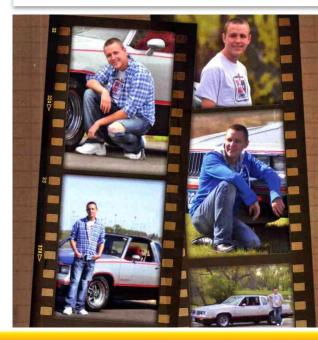












Tyler John Swanger

Fellow Great Plains Street Rodders
Come help us celebrate on
May 19th at 3pm till Midnight.
Location
3425 S Moonflower Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Commencement May 20th at 4pm.



Thotographs 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.





Dale's '57 Chevy

Our own GPSR member, Dale Aurit, bought this '57 Chevy 210 four-door from the original owner back in 1957. The owner was a lady that Dale did lawn work for at the time, and he paid her \$2,000 for the nearly new car.

As time progressed, Dale made major changes to the "coral and white" Chevy. He installed the big Chevy engine of the day, a 348, and then he added a dual 4-barrell set-up with twin Carter AFB's, along with other modifications. Dale's not sure just how fast the car would go, but with a 3-speed overdrive trans, he says the car would hit 120mph "easily!" Lots of chrome was added to the car, and the complete underside was cleaned and painted with a silver roofing coating. The gorgeous white interior was a pleated white Naugahyde crafted and installed primarily by Dale himself. (Ask Dale about the story behind that interior sometime; it involves a trip to Mexico.)

Dale was drafted into the Army in 1963. Later, while home on leave from Ft. Carson, CO, he discovered that some rust was beginning on the wheels while in storage. Rather than let the car deteriorate further, he traded it in to Jay-Shon Chevrolet for a new '65 Chevy Impala SS that he could drive back to Ft. Carson. The '57 was so sharp that, rather than park it on their used car lot, Jay-Shon placed it in their indoor new-car showroom where it promptly sold.

These pictures were taken around 1963 at the old Park Ridge Texaco on the southeast corner of 26th and Western Avenue. Great car, Dale!

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 Siouxlandcarcouncil.info

2012 Summer Cruises

May 12 – Pizza Ranch, E. 10th

May 23 – Grand Falls Casino

May 30 - Sherman Park - potluck

Jun 6 – Terry Koch Race Shop

Jun 13 – Executive Touch

Jun 20 - Handy-Man 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 10 Toker Kun, OT SK nost

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







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
Balncer (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



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

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

FOR SALE – **1930 Ford Sedan,** Runs and Drives Great, Chopped 3 ½", New Tires, 8" Rear-end, 350/350. '32 Grill, Needs paint / interior to show. \$12,000 obo or possible trade. Call Terry Jellis 332-0811



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

FOR SALE – **Brake Control** Reese Brakeman Digital 74643 Electric Trailer Brake. \$10 Call Clay Seachris 330-8664



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 – **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



Wanted

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