



# Cruisin' News

March 2012

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## Spring Hot Rod Fever

By Clay Seachris

President's message

We have a number of annual early spring events and planning sessions that always get me excited about the cruise season. Derrick Stokes has the [SiouxlandCarCouncil.info](http://SiouxlandCarCouncil.info) website schedule started for the cruise season. Hobo Stew, the Valentine's Party, Spencer Garage Tours and the Lincoln Trip are behind us. The St. Patrick Days Parade is almost here. Our winter vacationer friends are slowly returning for the summer. We've got rooms booked for a number of regional cruise events. Yep, summer's coming!

The Valentine's Party was packed with around 70 members who enjoyed the evening at the Brandon Steakhouse. Maritta Husman, Linda Geister and Nancy Jellis organized the evening, and the club gave away some cool door prizes. This year the neat prize was a club logo etched granite tile. As with every annual event, we're exploring future options: a possible location change, catering, door prizes, entertainment, etc.

Around a dozen guys made the trek to Spencer and enjoyed a morning filled with some cool garages, hot cars and a number of works-in-progress. The Old Iron Company car club did a great job of making us feel welcome and inspiration for project cars and preparation for spring.

The annual Lincoln Trip was a large group again this year. The cruise in our daily drivers was enjoyable and the Quaker Steak and Lube was a neat place for lunch. Speedway Motors expanded its hours for the day and had its touring exhibits on display in the parking lot. The museum was as impressive as ever and some were fortunate enough to meet Bill Smith. There was a lot of shopping on the side with many picking up tools and Christmas gift exchange items. The Farkle players took over the hotel breakfast area Saturday night for their raucous, noisy matches.

Thank you for renewing your membership. Our by-laws require the officers to review unpaid memberships every year on April 1. To be in the directory and receive email updates, please be current before the end of March. For a color copy of the newsletter, go to our website [GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com](http://GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com)





## *Brotherly Love*

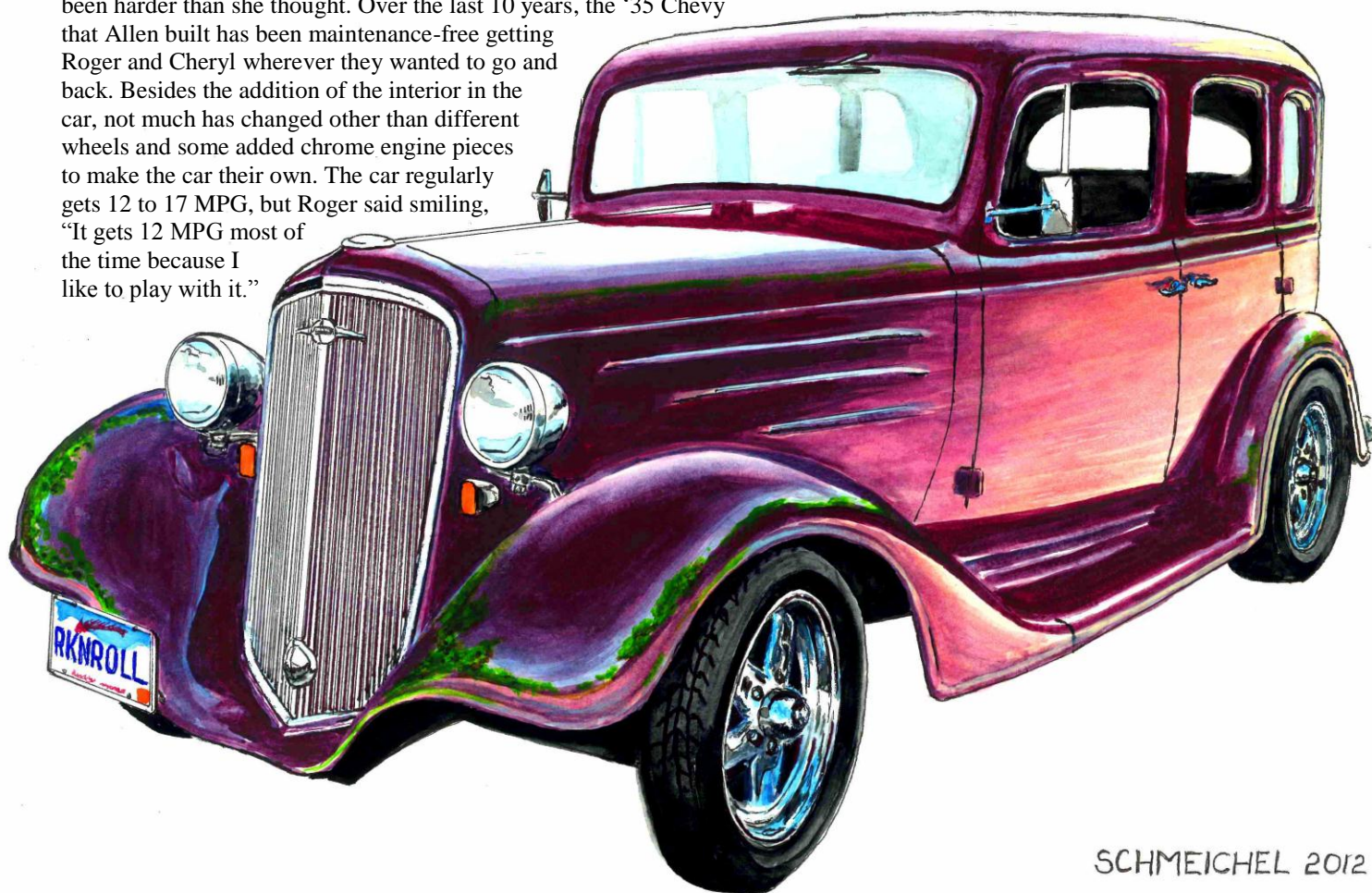
By Bob Schmeichel

Roger Van Noort told me he got hooked on street rods the first time he met me and put gas in my '32 Ford sedan 36 years ago while working at a gas station on Minnesota Avenue. I never realized my presence and car had such a profound affect on a person. After that Roger yearned for quite a few years to have some sort of old car that others would admire. There is an irony that carries even up to today. Roger will be the first to admit that he does not have very much in-depth mechanical ability, which limited what he could do then and now. Time seemed to slip by with working then 15 years ago his thoughts got heavier into building something and with all the help from his brothers, a 1941 Chevy street rod pickup was achieved. Roger was in

his glory for quite a few years after that having all the fun he expected along with the admiration that came with the old pickup. Later years with getting married and starting to have grand children, he realized that the truck was becoming rather limited for room to haul everyone around in. Needing something with four seats, Roger noticed a 1935 four-door sedan Chevy that Allen Alby had built and was driving at the time. Roger said he has always had the very highest regard for Allen's building ability when it came to making an old car nice looking, proven and road worthy. Although the interior wasn't finished yet, it had everything else that Roger was wanting in an old car. One day in the fall Roger told Allen if he ever decided to sell it, he wanted first chance to buy it. Allen laughed as he always did saying his cars were always for sale and it was left at that.

The following spring going into the next summer with Roger hesitating, he put a for-sale sign on the pickup. Part way through the summer upon returning from the Back to the '50s event in St. Paul, a couple followed them home after seeing the for-sale sign while driving the same direction. They made an offer for more than Roger thought he could get for the pickup, which sealed the deal. With the pickup gone, Roger called Allen that same night and bought the '35 Chevy. Cheryl was excited about how fast it all happened and wanted to finish the interior in their new car, since she is in the upholstery business. I have heard Roger say since that endeavor was finished that she wasn't doing any more upholstery jobs in cars. I guess it must have been harder than she thought. Over the last 10 years, the '35 Chevy

that Allen built has been maintenance-free getting Roger and Cheryl wherever they wanted to go and back. Besides the addition of the interior in the car, not much has changed other than different wheels and some added chrome engine pieces to make the car their own. The car regularly gets 12 to 17 MPG, but Roger said smiling, "It gets 12 MPG most of the time because I like to play with it."



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## Thanks Given

Terri and I would like to thank all of our great friends in the GPSR association for your phone calls, visits and cards during my recent hospital stay. This group is just an unbelievable group of people to be around and we cherish every opportunity we get to be involved with you. It was wonderful to get out of the hospital and jump into the car for a cruise on New Year's Eve day! Thanks again!  
Kent & Terri Reilly

## Sympathy Offered

Judy Benton's sister, Marilyn Vesey, passed away February 13 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Judy is a long-time member and also a very much appreciated Siouxland Car Council treasurer. On behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders, our thoughts and prayers are with her.

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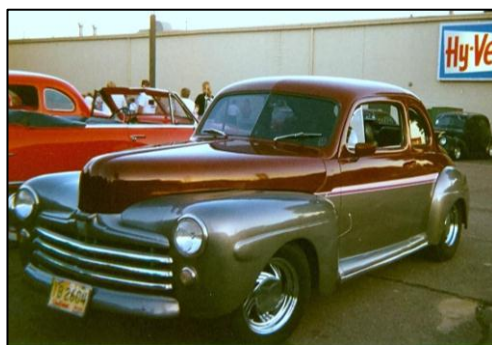
Judy Benton also lost her brother, Dean R. Johnson, February 20 at the Fort Meade Veterans Affairs Medical Center. On behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders, our thoughts and prayers are with her.

## 2012 Car Club Photo

Back by popular demand, we'll coordinate a group photo this summer. Our most recent club photo was in 2009. Please help make this a reality. Keep in mind locations with a high east facing photographer vantage point, time and date timing.

## 2012 Dedicated to Allen

Car Council President Kevin Kappenman asked for and unanimously received council declaration that the 2012 cruising season is dedicated in memory of our friend, Allen Alby. Allen was a Great Plains Street Rodder when there were just a few guys. His fun-loving, caring personality and attitude drew others to cruising, helped us grow and become the large, close group we are today. We're fortunate to have had him as a friend. His great personality is remembered. His passion still shines through in the many cool cars he built. ♥



## Your Dues Are Due

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.

## March Birthdays

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Ken Levene	8
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Lisa Frock	13
Grant Geister	14
Les Ramstad	14
Don Jensen	15
Wayne Ebright	17
Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Pat Kiebach	27
Rich Barnes	30
Scott Brady	31

## March Anniversaries

Chuck and Sherrey Kellogg	28
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## April Birthdays

Debbie Yesda	4
Junie Herschberger	15
Patt Anderson	16
Lana Kullander	16
Mike DeBoer	17
Christina Jellis	18
Mark Bowers	20
Gary Jorgenson	21
Dianne Moore	22
Bob Van Noort	23
Joyce Aurit	26
Sandy Peterson	26
Kent Reilly	27
Jackie Heemstra	28
Carolyn Hood	29

## April Anniversaries

Don and Betty Jones	2
Loren and Shirley Fick	4
Ken and Vicky Levene	4
Dean and Joyce Gough	17
Grant and Linda Geister	18
Art and Bev Umland	20
Don and Helen Jensen	21
Les and Mary Ramstad	24
Derrick and Sarah Stokes	26
Don and LaDell Mertens	28



## *Recent Event Snapshots*



**Winterfest of Wheels**  
Jackie and Ron Heemstra



**Valentine's Party**  
Nancy Jellis, Maritta Husman,  
Linda Geister



**Spencer Garage Tours**

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**Valentine's Party**  
Glenn Walker





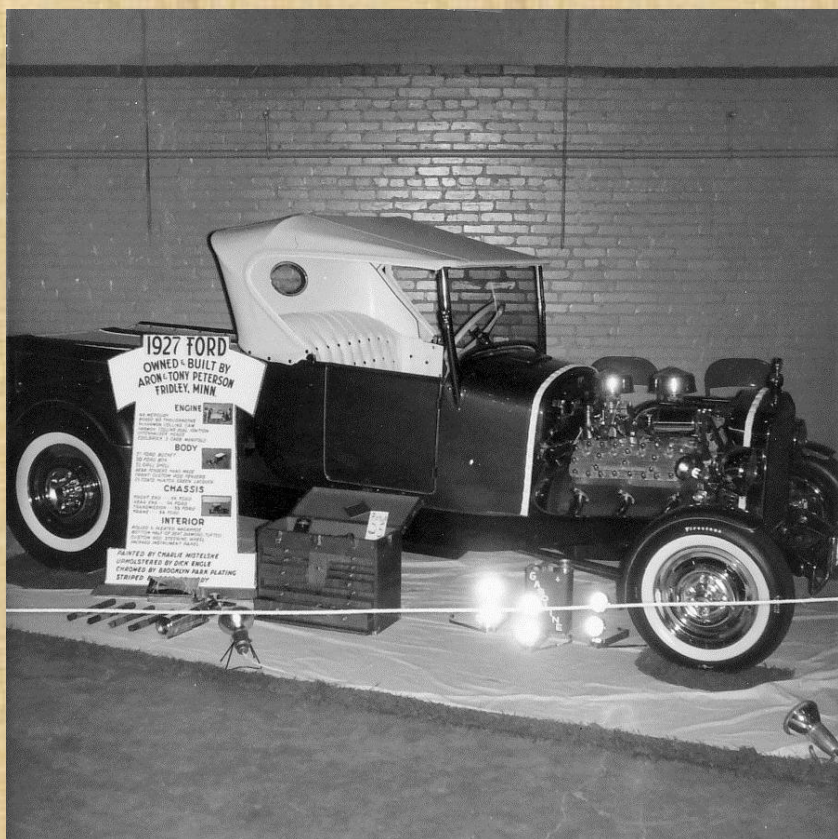
## Photographs and Memories

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.

### 1961 Sioux Falls Coliseum Car Show

This beautiful 1927 Ford pickup was on display in a car show at the old Sioux Falls Coliseum in 1961. The car was a "Candy Green" color with white Naugahyde interior, chrome wheels and an assortment of other chrome dress-up items. It was powered by a Ford flathead and my notes on the back of the picture indicate it had two 2-barrell carburetors. The car was also complimented by a very nice display (for the times) including gas can, tools and tool chest, flares, road reflectors, etc. The car was owned by Aron and Tony Peterson out of Fridley, MN. This particular car show was put on by Jack Portice and sponsored by the Eliminators Car Club. In looking on the internet, I see that Jack Portice still puts on car and motorcycle shows today.



## 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](http://greatplainsstreetrodders.com)

**\* Tip may be included already.\***

**Mar. 21 – Tea Steakhouse**

215 S. Main Avenue, Tea,  
Regular menu items

**Mar. 28 – Fryn' Pan Restaurant**

4204 W. 41st Street, SF,  
Regular menu items

**Apr. 4 – Old 77 Bar & Grille**

24654 475th Avenue, Dell Rapids  
Regular menu items

**Apr. 11 – Tailgators**

1013 N Splitrock Blvd, Brandon,  
Regular menu items

**Apr. 18 – Pizza Ranch, Tea**

801 E. Brian Street, Tea  
Regular buffet menu items

**Apr. 25 – The Dutch Inn**

405 Garfield Ave., Dell Rapids  
Special Beef & Chicken Buffet

## 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](http://siouxlandcarcouncil.info)

### 2012 Summer Cruises

(Tentative)

**May 2 – Dareos**

**May 9 – 212 The Boiling Point**

**May 12 – CiCi's Pizza**

**May 23 – To Be Announced**

**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**

**Jul 4 – No Cruise, Enjoy the 4th**

**Jul 11 – Jack Fox Park, Canton**

**Jul 18 – Poker Run, GPSR host**





**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 possibilities. Large deck, gas grill with fantastic views of Boulder Canyon and city of Deadwood. Call Mike DeBoer 351-7434

**FOR SALE – 1930 Ford Sedan,** Runs and Drives Great, Chopped 3 1/2", 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

**WANTED – Enclosed Trailer,** looking for a 20' car/toy hauler. Call Ron Husman 359-8946

**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

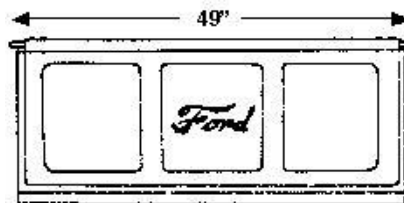


**Hot Rod Swap Meet,** March 31, 2012, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. WH Lyons Fairgrounds, 10x10 space inside the Armory is \$25, 20x20 space outside is \$20, Car Corral is \$5, Friday set up after 6 pm – Saturday set up starting 6:30 am. Bill Lev 339-1081

**Join us**  
**Saturday Nights**  
April 14 - October 6

**Bring Your Favorite Ride**  
**Come Socialize - Plenty of Parking**  
**2300 S. Minnesota Ave. - Sioux Falls, SD**

**WANTED – 1943 - 48 Ford Pickup Tailgate,** Call Terry Jellis 332-0811



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

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