



# Cruisin' News

June 2011

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## Cruising Time Is Here

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Members recently cruised to Renner for the Annual NSRA Inspection Day. Bob Schmeichel and other inspectors spent the morning examining and offering ideas to make sure our street machines are safe for another cruising season. Over 30 street rods, customs and muscle cars went up on the lift and received their annual National Street Rod Association 23-point safety decal.

For the Papik Spring Fling, six club cars braved the cold spring day. Due to the low car count, Papik's website pictures show many Great Plains Street Rodders jackets.

Van Noort's Metro Station was hit after our recent cruise to Brandon. Deep-fried Oreos, root beer floats, cupcakes along with beautiful weather and a number of cool cars made it an enjoyable evening.

The nitrogen social was a fun time, too. The weekend was stormy, but cleared long enough for around 20 cars' tires to get air replaced with nitrogen. About 30 people enjoyed donuts, coffee and soda as Mike and Don Jones opened up Color Mystique, so Kevin Kappenman and friends could do the tire fillings.



Remember to invite your friends to the Wednesday evening events. The car council has enough schedules, and we have plenty of Great Plains Street Rodder cards, so hand them out and we'll give you more. I talk to car enthusiasts all the time who are self-conscious to attend gatherings for fear their cars are not nice enough. Many of the cars that get the most attention are those imperfect machines. Unrestored cars still have significant personalities that car enthusiasts enjoy. We all look to see the personal touches that give each specialty ride its own personality.

Thank you for being Great Plains Street Rodders. The 2011 Membership Directory is scheduled to be printed and emailed mid-June. We're always looking for more friends to laugh and cruise with, so let's keep this good thing going.

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



## *Put On the Back Burner*

Bob Van Noort has got to be one of the most persistent people we know when it comes to building a vehicle. While he and his wife, Ellen, have been club members for more than four years, Bob has been gathering parts to have a unique pickup to cruise to events as well as our Wednesday cruises. All this time, his enthusiasm and direction have never swayed beyond his 1962 Chevy short-box truck.

Then one Saturday at a family gathering, a sister-in-law's brother informed Bob of a reasonably priced street rod for sale in nearby Hartford. Apparently the owner had lost interest in the street rod because he was into muscle cars and wanted to finish a Chevelle he had. With everyone gathering interest about this car as the brother spoke, Bob, Roger, and the brother decided to go look at it that afternoon.

Upon arrival, they all found a truly nice-looking 1949 Buick Special. The car was super-straight with an eye-catching, new two-tone paint job along with recently updated interior upholstery completed by Marty in Del Rapids. Underneath the car was pretty traditional with a 350 Chevy engine and transmission mated to a newer 9" rearend. The classic Truespoke wheels are turned by power steering and stopped with power brakes, and the inside of the car is kept cool with air conditioning. After looking and kind of drooling over the car, Bob, Roger, and the brother decided to go eat at a nearby restaurant and discuss the car. During the lunch discussion, the excitement mounted when Bob's brother Roger told him, "Bob, if you don't buy the car, I will." Another relative at the table made the same comment almost at the same time. No pressure here, right!! However, Bob did prevail and decided to buy the car because he recognized the value of having such a nice-looking driver.

Even though Bob and Ellen have had the car only a month, they are both really enjoying it and are happy having something special to drive; after all they have done without for the last four years. Bob has only a couple small things he wants to do to the car. One is getting the original clock working and also maybe installing a tilt column. So, now with their new car in place, the truck will be put on the back



burner until  
that desire  
flares up again.  
Hopefully not  
another four years...

SCHMEICHEL 2011



## *Congratulations*

Ken and Barb Buchanan's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary was May 27. Ken humbly mentioned with smile, "I really admire Barb for putting up with me all these years." On behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders, we are so glad to have Ken and Barb as friends and fellow cruisers.



## *A Bugs Life*

Many of us recently cruised to Luverne and spent the evening socializing on Main Street and later a stop at the ice cream drive-in. The after-dark drive back home was greeted by a number of bugs that met our windshields, bumpers, etc. That next Saturday at a cruise, as we talked about the "swarms," Mike Deboer said, "Speaking of bugs, check out my grille!" Is that Francis...



## *Rain or Shine*

Your cars may be the stars, but just like our off-season, we want to see you rain or shine.

In the event of inclement weather, check your email for an alternate gathering location. We'll do our best to inform you ASAP regarding Wednesday night cruises. Membership has its privileges through our email network.

## *Forever Fifties*

Harold and Carol Geist recently had a 50's themed dance and a number of our friends attended the evening's activities.



## *Driver Awareness*

Road construction season is here with a vengeance. The City of Sioux Falls has a variety of projects in progress from work on the viaducts downtown to an asphalt overlay on 57<sup>th</sup> Street. So, be careful in construction zones and watch for temporary speed limits and chip sealed fresh tar. For more information, check out the city's website:  
[http://www.sioxfalls.org/PublicWorks/street\\_construction/2011\\_construction](http://www.sioxfalls.org/PublicWorks/street_construction/2011_construction)

## *June Birthdays*

Sarah Stokes	6
Deb Geyer	9
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
Melvin & Dorothy Holmbeck	18

## *July Birthdays*

Karen Roe	3
Eric Anderson	8
Jan Malcomb	10
Karen Walker	12
Nancy Snyder	15
Betty Jones	17
Roger Van Noort	20
Bones Hanson	21
Kirk Lee	23
Janet Gannon	24
Terry Peterson	25
Barb Buchanan	29
Melvin Holmbeck	30
Art Slumskie	31

## *July Anniversaries*

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



# Summer Cruising Shots

## Spring Highlights



Buffalo Days in Luverne



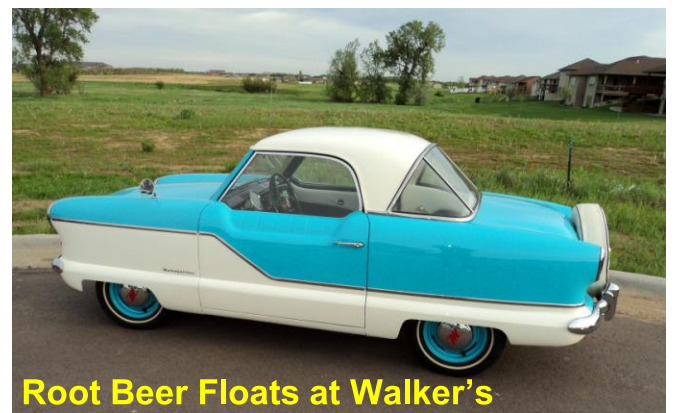
Nitrogen Social



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Saturday Night



Root Beer Floats at Walker's



Wednesday at  
Sherman Park



ABS Show



## Great Plains Street Rodders' Saturday Night Cruising



## Cruising Schedule, Our Part

**Check out the Siouxland Council summer schedule listed below for the Wednesday evening cruises. If you are looking for opportunities to get involved, the Great Plains Street Rodders will need help with the ice cream social at Children's Home Society on June 29 and the poker run on July 13. Let Clay know if you are interested in helping.**

## Car Council Schedule

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

[siouxlandcouncil.info](http://siouxlandcouncil.info)

*Verify dates before attending*

## June 11 – Harrisburg Car Show

## June 12 – Brookings Show-n-shine

## June 12 – Sioux Empire Ford Show

## June 15 – Executive Touch

## June 17 – Teapot Days Show

## June 17-19 – Back to the Fifties

## June 22 – Handy Man Raffle Car Drawing

## June 26 – Blast from the Past

**June 29 – Ice Cream Social**  
Children's Home Society hosted  
by Great Plains Street Rodders

**July 1-3 –Heartland Nationals**  
Des Moines, IA

## July 6 – Lincoln County Cruisers host night

**July 8-10 – B.H. Rod Run**

## July 10 – Cruise to the Farm

**July 13** – Poker Run hosted by  
Great Plains Street Rodders

## July 13 – Hot Summer Nights

**July 12-16 – Corvette Classic**

**July 20 – VA Car Show**

**July 22** – Humboldt Mayor's Motorcade

## July 23 – Humboldt Car Show

## July 23 – Canton Cruise Night

**July 24 – Canton Area Car Show**

**July 27 – Wall Lake Picnic**  
Sioux Empire Ford Club

**August 3** – Empire Pontiac  
hosts at Luxury Automall

## August 6 – Classic Excitement Poker Run

**August 7 – Classic Excitement**  
Car and Truck Show

**August 10** – Grand Falls Casino,  
Larchwood, IA

**August 12-14** – Dam Rod Run,  
Pierre, SD

**August 12-14 – Old Iron Rod Run,  
Okoboji, IA**

### August 17 – Executive Touch

**August 19-21 – Yankton  
Riverboat Days**

**August 20-21 – Brookings**  
Wing Festival Car Show  
Brookings, SD

**August 24** – Bethany Meadows  
Brandon, SD

### August 25-28 – Kool Deadwood



**Classified Ads**  
(FREE to All Members)



**FOR SALE – 1927 all steel Ford coupe.** \$15,500 Originally built 1959-60. 232 ci Studebaker w/ 3 spd. Upgraded to discs 2006. 16x10 American rears, Hallcraft wires on front, 54 Olds rear Call Dwight 371-5898

**FOR SALE – GM 12 Bolt Rear-End,** complete, non-posi unit. This rear-end came out of a '72 Monte Carlo SS, so it has the extra SS side brackets, hose and 4 links with it. This rear-end is direct factory 12 bolt fit for '68 - '72 Chevelle, '70 Buick Special, '70 - '72 Grand Prix, '70 - '72 Monte Carlo, '71 - '72 Sprint (G.M.) and a '70 - '72 Tempest. These GM rear-end are getting very hard to find anymore. Asking \$500.00. Call 351-6263 Larry G.

**WANTED – '66 - 67 Nova parts car,** 2-door 4- door or wagon, and any parts for a '66 - 67 Nova. Call Larry 351-6263.

**WANTED – 1974 Nova, Ventura, Omega or Buick Apollo dashpad.** Need positraction unit for '74 Nova. Call Eric (712) 380 4969.

**FOR SALE – NOS 1966 Chevelle rear bumper,** still in GMs factory rubberized wrap. I've seen them listed on E-Bay in the \$450-\$500 range. The first \$375.00 cash will own it. Call Jerry at 368-2418 for more details.

**FOR SALE – Ford shop manual** for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. Call Ken

## WIN A MOTORIZED

**Tickets:**  
\$5 each  
\$10 for 3

*Willys Coupe - scooter*

Powered by a 50cc motorcycle engine.

The Siouxland Car Council donated this little cruiser and you can win it.

Only 1,000 tickets available

June 22 - Handyman Cruise Night  
Will be the drawing  
(need not be present to win)

[SiouxlandCarCouncil.info](http://SiouxlandCarCouncil.info)



All proceeds go to local children's charities



**FOR SALE – Rocker panel side trim,** stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. Only \$10! Call 498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE – Book full of pictures of old cars,** new, entitled "For The Love of Cars." Local cars are among the many photos. Special price of \$22 (retails for \$28.99), tax included, for members of the Great Plains Streetrodders. Brian, email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE – 1995 Ford Mustang coupe,** 3.8 V-6 needing work with 2<sup>nd</sup> V-6 available that has factory replaced heads; body & interior good condition; make an offer. Call 605-759-5315.

**FOR SALE – 3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end** (excellent condition), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill 605 366-1158

**FOR SALE – 1952 Packard parts,** including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571

**FOR SALE – 1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Call Ken Buchanan 605 212-2821

**FOR SALE – 1957 Chevy Chassis.** Call Ron 332-4543

**WANTED – Classified ads**  
**Email your classified ad to**  
[president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com](mailto:president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com)