



Cruisin' News

December 2011

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

By Clay Seachris
President's message

Our off-season events are keeping us busy. We continue enjoying the time together regardless of the weather. Please continue sharing ideas, helping and participating in the fun. More things are planned.

The Annual Spaghetti Social was a great time again this year. Our cooks made a couple varieties of sauces and over sixty members enjoyed spaghetti followed by a bowl of ice cream and the toppings.

The morning philanthropy was a memorable one. Mike and Lori are always gracious hosts for the social. A bunch of us met there for morning rolls and coffee. Club members brought groceries, toiletries and gifts that were all added to a load of groceries from the Car Council.

Terry's personality was a perfect fit for the red suit and the children at the Children's Inn enjoyed sitting on his lap. Kevin, Betty and I enjoyed testing his knee, also. It was informative to have Sandy share about the Shelter.

Wow, what a Christmas Party! Attendance exceeded 76. Thanks to Betty Heidebrink each household got a poinsettia. Terry Peterson holds the titles of "most gifts opened" and "most often robbed." Some of the "hot" ("stolen" pun intended) items this year were wheel clocks, scarves, art, tools and a car mouse. Changing the game next year was discussed, but it was decided that we can't pass up that much gift-exchange fun. Keep an eye out now for next year's exchange gift in the clearance aisles. The catering this year brought good food for the ten-dollar price, and again, all we had to do was load up at the buffet. As always, we'll review and see if any changes are necessary.

A short 2012 Officer Business meeting was held at the Christmas Party. All officers are retained. Bill Kullander made that motion; it was seconded by the crowd and voted in unanimously by the group.

On behalf of all the officers, we are blessed to have so many great supportive friends. You all do a great job of making things run smooth. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Likes Different

By Bob Schmeichel

Randy Ludwig has never been a stranger to uncommon cars. He and his wife, Deanna, originally started the Canton Car Show, which has remained the state's largest car show since its beginning. To this day, Randy is still part of the car action at both the Barrett Jackson and Mecum Auctions, which are held all over the country. Randy has been with them since their beginnings. So, cars are never too far away from his mind.



A few years ago, shortly before Deanna's death, the 1951 Customized Chevy they drove on a regular basis was in an accident. It got crunched on both ends being in the middle of a three-car pile-up, which made it undrivable. Bringing the car back to its original customized state has been a long process that is still not done, even with Randy's son's help.

In 2009, Randy was helping at the Mecum Car Auction held at the fairgrounds in St. Paul at the Back to the 50s event. While moving cars around, his attention was grabbed by this bright green 1994 Lincoln Mark 8 car turned into a pickup that was in line to be auctioned off. Randy watched the car roll on and off the auction block as the bidding reserve wasn't met. Randy, liking what he saw and wanting a driver, walked over to the discouraged owner and made him an offer for the green attention-getter. The guy accepted, and Randy was driving the car/truck home.

The history of the car started in Denver with the back half of the roof removed as well as the rear seating and the trunk lid. With everything stripped out behind the front seat, a fiberglass insert was then installed into the cut-out areas of the body to give it a finished Ranchero box appearance. Many other little things were done to get it into a roughed-out appearance and into primer. The primered vehicle was then sold to a body shop north of Minneapolis and finished to the appearance you see today.

Randy says that driving the car/truck has been a blast from the beginning. Not only because of its appearance, but also the fact that the car came with the biggest turbocharged engine available in 1994 that makes the car, as Randy puts it, "SCOOT." Besides riding great with 17" custom wheels, the car gets 26 miles per gallon. What more can you ask for? Every place, and I mean every place that Randy stops when driving the car/truck, people approach him with loads of questions. What color is it? "It's 2008 Charger Metallic Green," he answers. What is it? How many did the factory make like this? And the questions go on and on. Most of the time Randy is smiling when he answers a lot of these questions saying, "It is the only one!" which leaves people scratching their heads as they are looking at it.



Get Well Soon Fick

Morris, on behalf of all your street rod friends, get well soon. We're thinking of you.



Sympathy Offered

We extend our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Jerome "Jerry" Miller and his family. Jerome's father, Don J. Miller, passed away November 5 in Bellevue, Iowa. A memorial was sent on behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

Thanks so much for the thoughts, prayers, and the generous memorial to my family. I will forward your memorial to my mother and she will send it to Camp Courageous in Motecello, Iowa, in memory of my dad. Camp Courageous is a camp for disabled children and has been a favorite charity of my folks for many years. Again, thanks to all of you! What a great organization to be part of! Jerry and Robin Miller

Sympathy Offered

We offer sincere thoughts, prayers and kindness to Roxie Ebright and her family. Roxie's mother, Gladys Mae (Richert) Wray, passed away November 24 at Good Samaritan Village. A memorial was sent on behalf of all car club members/friends.

Thanks Given

Thank you very much for the generous memorial. Losing my mother is the hardest thing I've had happen in my life. We have many precious memories. Wayne and Roxie Ebright

Hobo Stew Social



Hobo Stew Party is January 22, at the Shrine at 4:30 p.m.

All car enthusiasts, spouses and families are invited. Bring a can (or jar) of vegetables for the stew: tomatoes, carrots, corn, peas, beans or anything you'd find in a stew. Also, please bring a second can for donation to Feeding South Dakota, formerly known as The Food Pantry. Great Plains Street Rodders usually bring cookies, bars, cakes and pies etc. for the event. We appreciate the Classie Autos for opening the Shrine and the Siouxland Car Council for providing the beef.

Spaghetti Merriment

The Annual Spaghetti Social was a night of full plates, bowls, bellies and fun. Thank you to Terry and Sandy Peterson, Gary and Audrey Jorgenson, Larry and Kris Golden, and Grant and Linda Geister for cooking and hosting.



December Birthdays

Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Lana Bowers	7
Gary Ebright	11
Vince Jones	13
Dorothy Holmbeck	13
Cathy Walker	13
Barb Schriever	17
Terri Reilly	19
LeAnne Phillips	20
Helen Jensen	21
Dustin Gronseth	22
Roger Corkill	24
Craig Nussbaum	28
Ellen Van Noort	30
Chris Johnson	31

December Anniversaries

Morris and Beth Fick	1
Mark and Lana Bowers	19
Glenn and Cathy Walker	19
Eric and Patt Anderson	20
Bill and Lana Kullander	20
Owen and Carlotta McKittrick	28

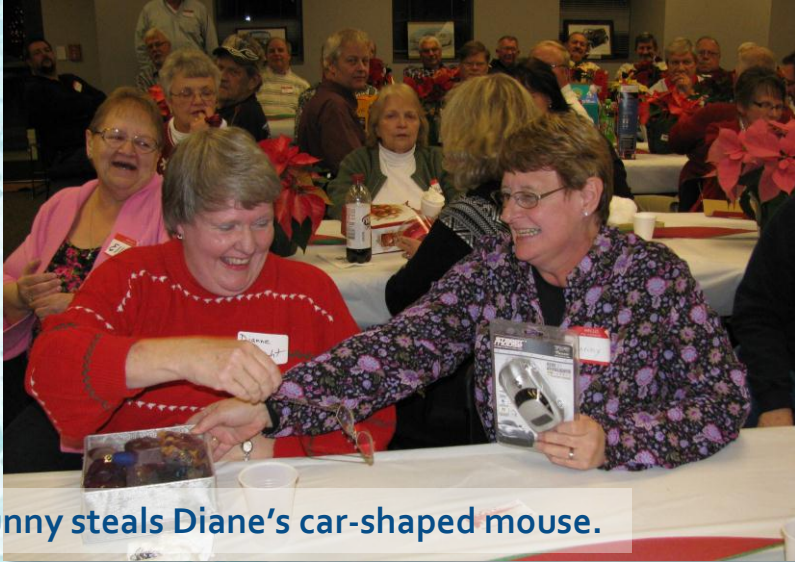
January Birthdays

Larry Gannon	3
Shanda Gronseth	3
Ike Wiese	5
Grace Bradshaw	5
Glenna Burns	7
Ron Husman	10
Jean Tlustos	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
John Lynch	15
Randy Ludwig	16
Bev Umland	19
Carlotta McKittrick	20
LaDell Mertens	21
Doreen Wiese	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Butch Yesda	29
Nancy Jellis	31

January Anniversaries

Ike and Doreen Wiese	12
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At the 2011 Christmas Party,
Stealing Was the Name of the Game



Bunny steals Diane's car-shaped mouse.



How many clocks did Terry open?



Terry gets to keep a clock...but not for long.



Did Betty keep her gift?

Lori does a little shopping...maybe a scarf.



Randy, Larry, Ron, Grant and Terry



survey their loot.

Of course, it's all in good fun, and we're still friends at the end of the evening.



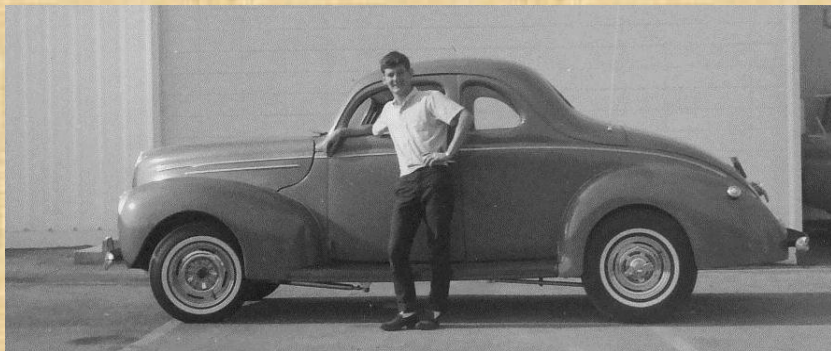
Photographs and Memories

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.

His '39 Since 1957

Here are two pictures I took back in the 1960s of Bernie Larson's 1939 Ford. Bernie bought this car in 1957 upon leaving the Navy and has owned it ever since! When these pictures were taken, the car was powered by a 327 Corvette engine equipped with a solid lifter cam and dual 4-barrell carbs on a cross-ram manifold. The car also had a 4-speed Hydramatic transmission. In the black and white photo, Bernie's brother Don is with the car prior to the downtown "Wheels Parade" in 1965. The color photo is Bernie at Thunder Valley Dragway racing C/Gas, probably in 1968. Bob Schriever and many others worked with Bernie a lot on this car over the years. The car is now a dark blue color and sports a toned-down 327. Bernie drives it regularly to shows and cruises around the area.



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

Dec. 21 – Denny's at Flying J

Exit 83, I-29, SF

Regular menu items

Dec. 28 – Woody's

900 S. Marion Rd., SF

Regular menu items

Jan. 4 – Fryn' Pan

4204 W. 41st Street, SF

Regular menu items

Jan. 11 – The Cracker Barrel

2409 S. Shirley Ave., SF

Regular menu items

Jan. 18 – Cici's Pizza

5007 S. Louise Avenue, SF

\$5.99 Buffet- Special Priced

Jan. 22 – HOBO Stew, (Sunday)

El Riad Shrine, 510 S. Phillips

4:30 p.m. Bring 2 canned items.

Jan. 25 – Rookies Bar & Grill

2616 S. Louise Avenue, SF

Regular menu items

Feb. 1 – Pizza Ranch, 41st

2717 W. 41st Street, SF

Regular menu items

Feb. 8 – Hy-Vee Deli

3000 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

Regular menu items

Feb. 15 – Valentine's Party ♥♥

Brandon Steakhouse

1308 Rushmore Dr., Brandon

Regular menu items

Feb. 22 – Roll'n Pin Restaurant

3015 W. Russell Street, SF

Regular menu items

REMINDER: Check your ticket for group gratuity inclusion.

** Tip may be included already.**



Classified Ads
(FREE to All Members)



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 – Five Tires, 225-60-16, 95% tread left. \$100 call Bob 331-4589

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.

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



FOR SALE – Set of (4) KEYSTONE CLASSIC WHEELS, 14 x 6 with nuts (CHEVY) and caps. Some surface rust and in need of a good cleaning. BEST OFFER takes all. Butch Yesda @ 359-3914

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

FOR SALE – 1927 Ford Coupe, All steel, Originally built 1959-60. 232 ci Studebaker w/ 3 spd. 16x10 American rears, Hallcraft wires on front, '54 Olds rear \$15,500 o.b.o. Call Dwight 371-5898

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 368-2418

FOR SALE – 1935 Chevy Standard Two-door Sedan, Lots of Streetrodder Mods. Former GPSR Feature Car Mustang front suspension, 8" Ford Rear, Pwr windows, A/C, Cruise, CD. \$31,000 Call Ike 507-920-61342

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

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FOR SALE – Brand new Chevy CAMSHAFT & LIFTERS and OIL PUMP for Small block Crate Engine new never fired up yet. CAM .450 intake / .460 exhaust LIFT with 222 degree duration @ .050. BEST OFFER takes all. Contact Butch Yesda @ 359-3914

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 – 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 – 1957 Ford Fairlane 500, 4-Door Sedan. Original Dependable Cruiser. Make An Offer To Buy. Call 334-6072

FOR SALE – 1931 Ford, '32 Grill & Shell, 429ci., Dual Holleys, C6 Automatic, 9" Rear-end, Faming River Tilt Column, Centerline Wheels. All Ford Street Rod \$23,000, Grant 941-2591

WANTED – Classified ads
If you are a member of the club, it's free. Email your classified ad or just reply to
president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com