



# *Cruisin' News*

November 2011

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## *You Make This Fun*

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

The Wednesday Meet-n-Eat attendance is averaging fifty members again this year. Other off-season social activities also have had good attendance, and a number of additional activities are in the works. It's always great to have assistance from so many helpful friends contributing and keeping us busy and having fun. Please continue sharing ideas, and together we'll continue coordinating fun activities and making memories.

The recent "Day of Fun" had rave reviews. A number of people hung out most of the day. It was great how the day's separate events were planned for specific venue participation or an all-day occasion. See more details of this past event in Gary's story on a future page. Thanks for sharing, Gary.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Great Plains Street Rodders Annual Christmas Party. The party is always a good time. We are planning another great social and there's always good food. The gift exchange is a blast. I hope you've all had fun trying to find that special gift item. Tickets are on sale now.

Your officers' primary goal continues to be to keep us together having fun and growing friendships. I've been club president since 2007, and am glad to continue working for and representing you. Bob Schmeichel is still enjoying the duties of vice-president. Jayne DeBoer, our treasurer, is looking forward to another year of membership and expense administration. Marilyn Haper is also still having fun sending sympathy and get-well cards as well as other officer assistance. I would be lost without their support and help. We all would not enjoy being officers if it wasn't for all of you great friends helping us. However, all officers are subject to nomination and re-election annually. According to bylaws, nominations for officers will be made from the floor during the second meeting in December (Hy-Vee Deli, December 14). If an election is needed, it will be the first meeting in January (Fryn' Pan, January 4).

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



## *Time Capsule*

By Bob Schmeichel

Getting closer to retirement, Grant Geister thought it would be fun to have a car to tinker on as he enjoyed doing in his high school days. He had a couple of '55 Chevys with 327s and a '58 Chevy with a 409, all of which left lasting impressions of fun he had in his younger years. What he was looking for now was a newer car that he might have dreamed of having in his 1967 graduation year in high school. Grant's desire wasn't brand or model specific since there were many really neat cars that came out in 1967 that he thought about. He searched and watched the for sale ads for quite a while until September of 2005. He found a 1967 Dodge two-door hardtop for sale in Brookings. That next day he went to Brookings not expecting much, as most Chrysler products of those years are usually rust buckets. But to his surprise, he found the car to be survivor of the time. The car was a relatively good-running, complete car from Texas with only 69,000 miles and totally rust-free. It needed some cosmetics, so Grant had some leverage when negotiating price. A price was agreed on and the owner delivered the car to Grant's home the same day. Once home, Grant put the car in an old shed at his acreage where it sat for the next five years. He knew this wasn't going to be a fast project as far as getting it done because anyone who has a family knows priorities change all the time. During the five years' time the car sat, Grant searched and gathered the parts he needed from the internet as he could afford them. He said some parts were off-the-wall expensive, even for used parts! Also, while laughing, he mentioned occasionally having to chase invading raccoons out of the building the car was stored in. They always seemed to find or make a way into a building with a dirt floor. That's another story and the car no longer resides there anymore. Looking back it was a long process to which Grant never thought he would see the end with all the different directions family life takes all of us.

Then a little over a year ago, Grant decided to get the car out and finish it. He worked on it pretty intently by installing a new grill, front fender, a new white interior, as well as many other little things that added to the finished picture. Over the winter, a farmer buddy of Grant's said he would paint the car, but it would get done on his own time when he had it. Grant had no problem with that and was happy to hear how amazed his farmer buddy was when he actually got into working on the car with how straight and rust-free it was. Grant had him paint the top of the car black to help set it off, with the bottom painted the original gold color. Finally, after getting the car home, some new tires and wheels were added to finish off the outside appearance. Since the exhaust manifolds were cracked along with single exhaust ready to fall off, Grant added some new headers and dual exhaust to the original 318 cubic inch engine that allowed it to have quite a bit more power than the way it had always been the last 44 years. He said it came alive! Linda and Grant drove the Dodge for the first time this summer to the Pontiac Club-sponsored Wednesday cruise night. They both enjoy driving around in a car that gets a lot of attention where ever they go, along with all the new-found friends in the car club. Grant is going to continue working on the Dodge to make it as safe and dependable as possible and hopes of someday installing a new crate engine to add to the already cool image of the car.



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## Spaghetti Social

Our Spaghetti Social is November 16 at the Sioux Valley Energy Building. Food costs have increased, but still, for \$5 you get spaghetti, salad, bread, brownies and ice cream. Eating supplies are provided, but please bring your own non-alcoholic drinks. Thank you to the meet-n-eat committee and volunteers for a memorable event.

## Charitable Summer

Your attendance and participation in last summer's Wednesday Night Cruises generated charitable funds. The Car Council is granting those funds to local children's charities. This year's grants go to: The Children's Inn, The Salvation Army's Angel Tree, The Banquet and the El Riad Shrine Transportation Fund.



## Willys Raffle Results

The 2011 Siouxland Car Council's scooter raffle did not generate any charitable income.

At a recent council meeting, reasons were discussed relating to a lack of participation and support for this fundraiser as it was similar to the prior year.

The Car Council maintains a charitable focus and with your help, continues exploring new fundraising ideas and options.

## Christmas Party

The club Christmas Party is Saturday, December 4 at the Sioux Valley Energy Building. The social starts at 5 p.m. The catered dinner buffet is at 6 p.m. followed by the gift exchange game. To play the gift exchange, bring a gender-specific gift that costs \$10. Tony's is catering bacon-wrapped chicken breasts, roast beef, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, rolls, peach crisp, ice cream, coffee, soda and water.

Catered-meal tickets are on sale now. See Gary Jorgenson or Terry Peterson to get your \$10 meal ticket.

## Feature Paintings

Bob Schmeichel has been painting a feature every month for almost seven years now. Wow that's a lot of Great Plains Street Rodder car paintings.



Please continue the tradition at the Christmas Party and bring your painting for display.



## November Birthdays

Susan Seachris	1
Clay Seachris	2
Jack Boatright	4
Dean Gough	11
Rich Burns	15
Maritta Husman	18
Don Mertens	21
Doug Van Noort	22
Tom Elliott	28
Dwight Johnson	28
Keith Schmuck	29
Darwin Sletten	29

## November Anniversaries

Jack and Dianne Boatright	4
Rich and Glenna Burns	4
Dale and Joyce Aurit	5
Denny and Betty Heidebrink	16
Gerry and LeAnne Phillips	30

## 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

## Day of Fun Achieved

Submitted by Gary Jorgenson

On October 22, thirty of us enjoyed a beautiful day antique shopping and wine tasting capped off by a great dinner.

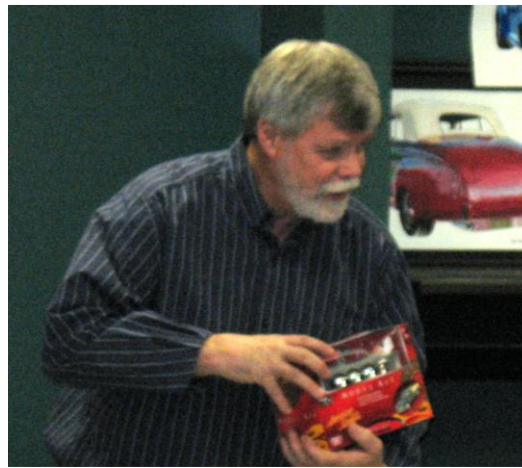
The group started at 11:30 a.m. with antique shopping, which began at the I-29 Antique Mall in Tea and finished in Canton after shopping at numerous shops. M&M dispensers appeared to be the popular item. At 3 p.m. we had to end our shopping time, although several would have liked to continue shopping.

The group next traveled to Calico Skies Winery. This is a beautiful new winery on a hilltop. The owners, (Will and Ashley) a young couple, gave us an informative story of their life and an intro into different grapes and wine production. The wine tasting was complimentary. Everyone appeared (due to all the laughing going on) to have had a great time.

At 4:30 p.m., we drove to the Market Place Grill in Inwood. They had set up an early buffet for us. The owners had remodeled and significantly upgraded the buffet items. The chicken stir fry, falling-off-the-bone ribs and roast beef were excellent. They had a large salad bar, two types of potatoes, sweeten carrots, large onion rings and three different desserts – all for a special \$9.99 price for us. Everyone had an enjoyable day.



## Parties of Christmas Past







## 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.



### A Neat Little Hot Rod

I'm going way back in my photo collection for this one! I took this picture at a car show in the old Sioux Falls Coliseum in '61 or '62. This is a '31 Ford Model A Roadster "highboy" with a '32 grill shell that (according to my notes on back) was metal-flake blue in color. I'm not positive on the engine, but I believe it's a Buick "nailhead" V8 with a two-barrel carb. The car has full "pie crust" slicks on back and the obligatory Sun tach up on the dash. Based on the sign and jacket, the car/owner was from the Parker Auto Club in Parker, SD. It's been suggested that the car was owned by a Keith Smith. Does anyone know if Keith or this neat little hot rod is still around?



## 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)

**Nov. 16 – Spaghetti Social,**  
**Sioux Valley Energy Building**  
108 N. Heritage Road, Brandon

**Nov. 23 – CiCi's Pizza**  
5007 S. Louise Ave., Sioux Falls, Regular menu items

**Nov. 30 – Roll'n Pin**  
3015 W. Russell St., SF, All-u-can-eat buffet

**Dec. 3 – Christmas Party** 5 p.m.  
**Sioux Valley Energy Building**  
108 N. Heritage Road, Brandon  
\$10 Catered Meal Ticket  
\$10 Gift Exchange Game

**Dec. 7 – Buffalo Wild Wings**  
2601 S. Louise Ave., SF, Regular menu items

**Dec. 14 – Hy-Vee Deli**  
3000 S. Minnesota Ave., SF, Regular menu items

**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. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, SF, Regular menu items

**Jan. 11 – The Cracker Barrel**  
2409 S. Shirley Ave., 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 – **Five Tires**,  
**225-60-16**, 95% tread left.  
\$100 call Bob 331-4589

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.

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



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 – **1956 Chevy 4-Door Sedan**, Customized in 1991, 305 ci, A/C, CD Player, Many custom details. Former GPSR Feature Car, Reliable Reasonable offer and it's yours. Call 334-6072

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

FOR SALE – **1935 Chevy Standard Two-door Sedan**, Lots of Streetrod Mods. Former GPSR Feature Car Mustang front suspension, 8" Ford Rear, Pwr windows, A/C, Cruise, CD. \$31,000 Call Ike 507-920-6134

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

FOR SALE – **Quick Lift** Style Drive-on car lift, portable, easy to set-up and use. Great to get under your car in minutes. Call Ron 332-4543