



# Cruisin' News

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## Autumn Keeps Us Busy

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Autumn is here. We're still busy cruising, enjoying the fall foliage, warm days and cool evenings. Hotrods optional is a common catchphrase during the fall and spring transitional months and fades all together when the snow flies. The fall has been parade time again and many enjoy being part of homecoming parades. There have been a number of foliage cruises and other social gatherings. As always the weather doesn't slow us down.

The 32nd Annual Vintiques Show & Shine, Rod Run & Campout was well attended. The weather this year was perfect for cruising the Watertown streets and the roads around Lake Kampeska. We had 36 club member cars registered for the rod run and took home a plaque for best club participation. Many of the women also took home a number of parting gifts from the Watertown retailers.

A number of streetrodders attended an Art Reception at the Museum of Visual Materials. They had a private parking lot for the cars, and we enjoyed a nice meal hosted by fellow member Linda Geister. It was nice to meet local artists and tour the museum with friends.

The Siouxland Car Council cruise season came to a close with a potluck dinner at the Sioux Valley Energy Building in Brandon. There were around 60 members there enjoying the food and social time. As usual, the Great Plains Street Rodders will continue cruising and socializing until next spring when we combine again with all the clubs of the council for summer fun.

As the weather turns gray, you may leave the hotrod at home as we continue the laughs. Meet-n-Eat Committee member Gary Jorgenson recently shared that while contacting restaurants and setting up meeting places, managers explained prices have increased due to trucking costs. The committee consisting of Gary and Audrey Jorgenson and Terry and Sandy Peterson does a great job coordinating a variety of gathering places. Your input and ideas are always appreciated. The group's main focus is to have fun and keep everyone engaged.

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

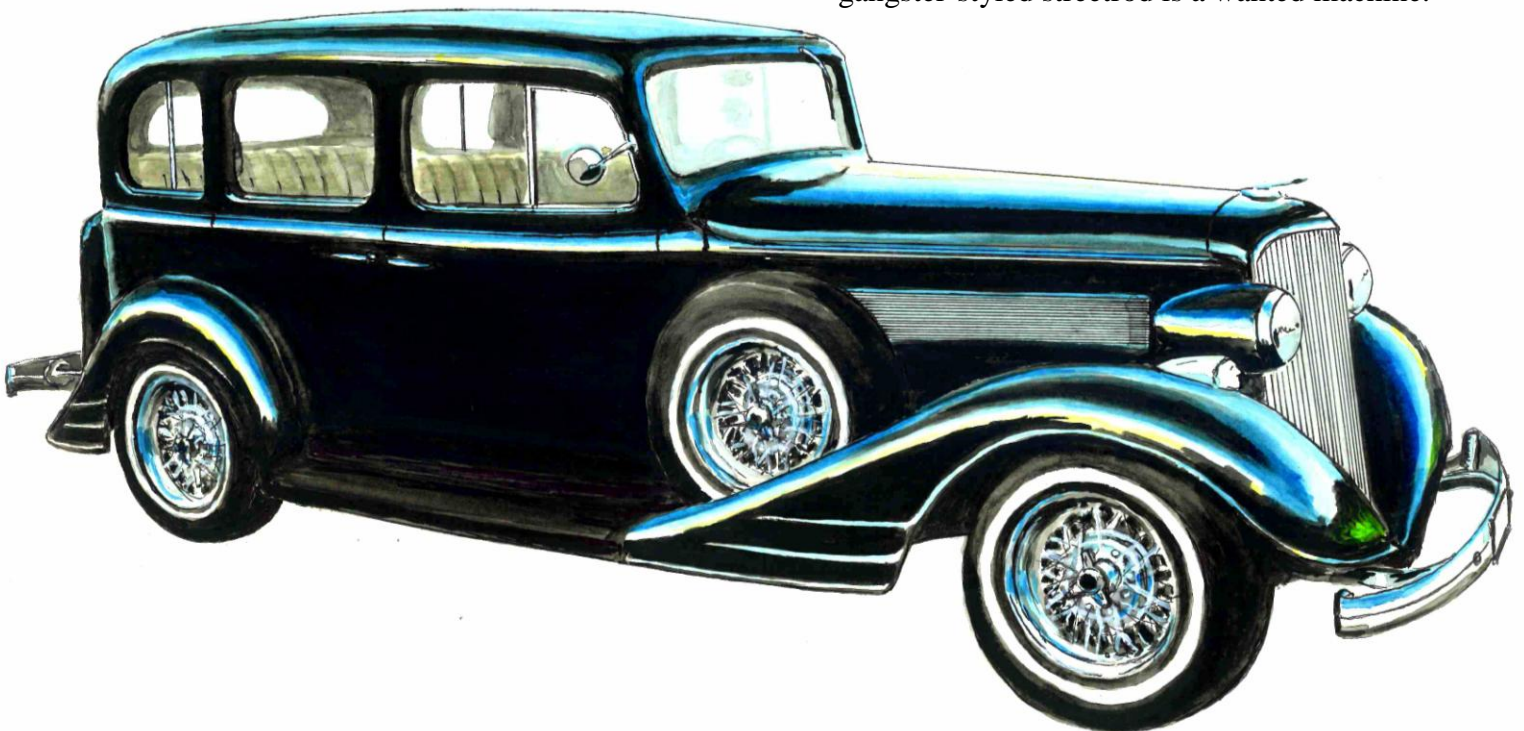


## *A Wanted Machine*

Just a little over 10 years ago while attending the Old Iron Rod Run in Spencer, Iowa, Ron and Jackie Heemstra spotted a 1934 Pontiac with a for sale sign on it. They had thought of getting a larger car to accommodate more of their family than their Model A coupe allowed at the time. After the show and shine was over, they went back to see if this car was still for sale.

Talking and looking at the car with Kenny Jo Hanson, the present owner at the time, the car proved to be exactly what they wanted. The 4-door Sedan was a nice, older restoration still with the same black lacquer paint it has today, as well as the really nice original appearing interior. The perfect old steel body had been restored by Ed Weise about 25 years earlier, and Ken street rodded the car by adding a 389 Pontiac with the 400 turbo along with a 9" rear end during the 15 years he had the car. The chrome Truespoke wire-wheels with the white wall tires gave the car a classic gangster look. Ken, like some of us, had too many projects going on at the same time, so the '34 Pontiac was for sale. After test driving the car, Ron and Jackie decided to buy it as a 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary gift for themselves.

During the last 10 years, Ron added a Vintage Air system for hot days since the car was big and black. Although Ron admits to not driving the car very much because both work and farming keep them busy, he said that will probably change the closer he gets to retirement. Ron did take time to throw together a rat rod truck last year that he has fun with, but the '34 Pontiac will always be first on his list for longer trips he and Jackie intend on taking soon. He did mention going in a southwestern direction to Route 66 and then east on that old highway to see what that part of the country has to offer for sights. Hopefully he will follow through with driving the Pontiac on a trip or two as he mentions, because the original owner of the Pontiac traced this car back to Ron just recently, and had expressed the desire to buy it back. So, this gangster-styled streetrod is a wanted machine.





## *What is Car Council?*

Great Plains Street Rodders relationship with the Car Council and Wednesday cruises is a common question. The Siouxland Car Council is composed of local car clubs who organize the summer Wednesday evening cruises from May through September. Each club of the Council such as the Corvette, Ford, Lincoln County Cruisers, and Pontiac club host at least one evening cruise. As the most active member, the Great Plains Street Rodders host two events: the Children's Home Society Root Beer Social and a Poker Run.

The Siouxland Car Council also coordinates with businesses to organize the Wednesday evening cruises. Depending upon the business relationship, most events are fundraisers for children's charities, but not all.

Sometimes organizations and clubs request help at the cruises. Please keep possible divisions in mind and be clear who is asking for assistance. Friends feel obligated to help when other friends are in need. Members may be confused because they are not sure if they are helping Great Plains, another club, the Council or a private business. As one member recently stated, "The last thing we want is something that pits members against each other." Please keep group cohesion dynamics in mind.

Many representatives from the Great Plains Street Rodders are active in the Siouxland Car Council planning sessions, the more the merrier, your input and volunteer time is always appreciated at the meetings.

There really is a quite a lot of variables and coordination between clubs, businesses and volunteers to make the summer cruises possible. All Great Plains Street Rodders are invited to help coordinate the 2012 Cruise Season.

## *Club Participation Win*

There were 36 Great Plains Street Rodder cars registered at the 32nd Annual Vintiques Show & Shine, Rod Run & Campout. Having that many close friends at a rod run really made for a great time. It also gave us a club participation award. This plaque was passed along to Ron and Karen Roe and will be displayed at their "Toy-Box" for all to see when we visit.



## *Thanks Given*

Thank you fellow Great Plains Streetrodders for your thoughts and prayers on the passing of Mike's uncle, Russell Miller. Your friendships are a great comfort. Sincerely Mike and Deb DeBoer



## *Thanks Given*

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and words of sympathy expressed in regard to Ron's loss of his stepmother. Your caring words are much appreciated. Karen and Ron Roe

## *October Birthdays*

Jerry Miller	7
Rick Munce	8
Melania Barnes	11
Lori Paulson	11
Doug Walker	13
Gary Bowman	26
Tom Olsen	28

## *October Anniversaries*

Doug and Karen Walker	13
Gary and Deb Bowman	16
John and Sonja Lynch	16
Dwight and Ruby Johnson	20
Bob and Sandy Schmeichel	20
Wayne and Roxie Ebright	31

## *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



## Fall Cruise

Submitted by Butch Yesda

On October 1, 36 club members cruised to the Pipestone County Museum, then to a Flea Market in Pipestone. Later we all headed north to Lake Benton to the Country House and had supper (the meal was excellent). While we were eating, several people in the group decided to head south to Larchwood and watch the Buckinghams at the casino. So a bunch of us made a cruise to the casino and had a good time. It did get to be a long day but it was well worth it.

## Cruisin' Snapshots



**Bob & Sandy Schmeichel's '40 Chevy →**



**↑ Scott & Bunny Brady's '53 Chevy**

**← Jeff & Jean Knowlton's '68 Chevelle**



**Vintiques Rod Run September 2011**



**Flashback – Clay enjoying smores at the Watertown Rod Run in 2010**



**Betty, Nancy, Lori and Karen won prizes at the 32nd Annual Vintiques Rod Run.**







## 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.



### Glenn Christensen's MG

Here's a unique local hot rod from the 1960s: a Corvette powered 1953 (?) MG. At the time of this picture, it was owned by Glenn Christensen and was powered by a dual 4-barrell 283ci Corvette engine with a 3-speed trans. (With a light frame, you never knew for sure what direction the thing was going to go when you "stuck your foot in it!") I first knew the car when Tom Austin owned it, but I believe Barry Bayer, Oris Hove and an assortment of other area rodders owned it over the years. The car was a pale yellow here, but I'm told that it's the same red car with a ZZ4 Chevy crate motor that the late Aaron Munson owned a few years ago.



## 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)

### Oct. 19 – The Dutch Inn, Dell Rapids

405 Garfield Ave., Beef & Chicken Buffet, \$7.50

### Oct. 26 – Hy-Vee Deli

3000 S. Minnesota Ave., SF, Regular menu items

### Nov. 9 – Tailgators

1013 N Splitrock Blvd, Brandon, Regular menu items

### 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**, Sioux Valley Energy Building

108 N. Heritage Road, Brandon

### 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

Exit 83, I-29, SF, Regular menu items

### Dec. 28 – Woody's

900 S Marion Rd., SF, Regular menu items



**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

**Recipe**

**Corn Casserole**

*from the kitchen of Nancy Jellis*

1 can whole kernel corn  
1 can cream corn  
1 cup broken spaghetti  
1 cup melted butter  
1 cup shredded cheese

Mix this all together in a 2-quart casserole.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

After 30 minutes, stir and top with 1 more cup shredded cheese.

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 – **Two Tires,**  
P255/70/R15 "DAYTONA SR"  
very low miles \$100.  
Call Butch 339-2871

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

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

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

**WANTED – Classified ads**