



Cruisin' News

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Summer Ends, Our Fun Doesn't

By Clay Seachris

President's message

The hot days and evenings are beginning to cool down. We're transitioning too and wearing more sweatshirts and jackets. The club's event coordinators have already begun discussing events and filling the off-season calendar, but for now let's keep cruising until the weather makes us put the toys away.

The annual Weinie Roast was fun again this year. Ron and Karen's green space held more than 40 cars. Although the food line was long, potluck made for a variety of choices, no one seemed to mind. As usual, there was more food than we could possibly eat, even though many did their best. We had a number of guests attend this year and that is always nice to have friends of friends attend and share in the fun.

We enjoyed a relaxing evening at Bethany Meadows with many cool cars and friends that we rarely see. I was surprised by how many club members who've attended this event for years mentioned how full the parking lot was and how neat the atmosphere was with the band playing and people visiting. They shared that because they always volunteered, they had never been outside during the height of the festivities. Comments from the large group of friends sitting together in their bag chair circle reinforced last year's decision to step away from catering. Last year we decided not to cater "because this is such a fun event and we don't want to miss out on the band, the cars and the social side of seeing the residents enjoying the evening." Terry Jellis entertained everyone with his latest silly fish purchase. 😊

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 does a great job coordinating a variety of gathering places. Your input and ideas are always appreciated as the group's main focus is always to have fun and keep everyone engaged.

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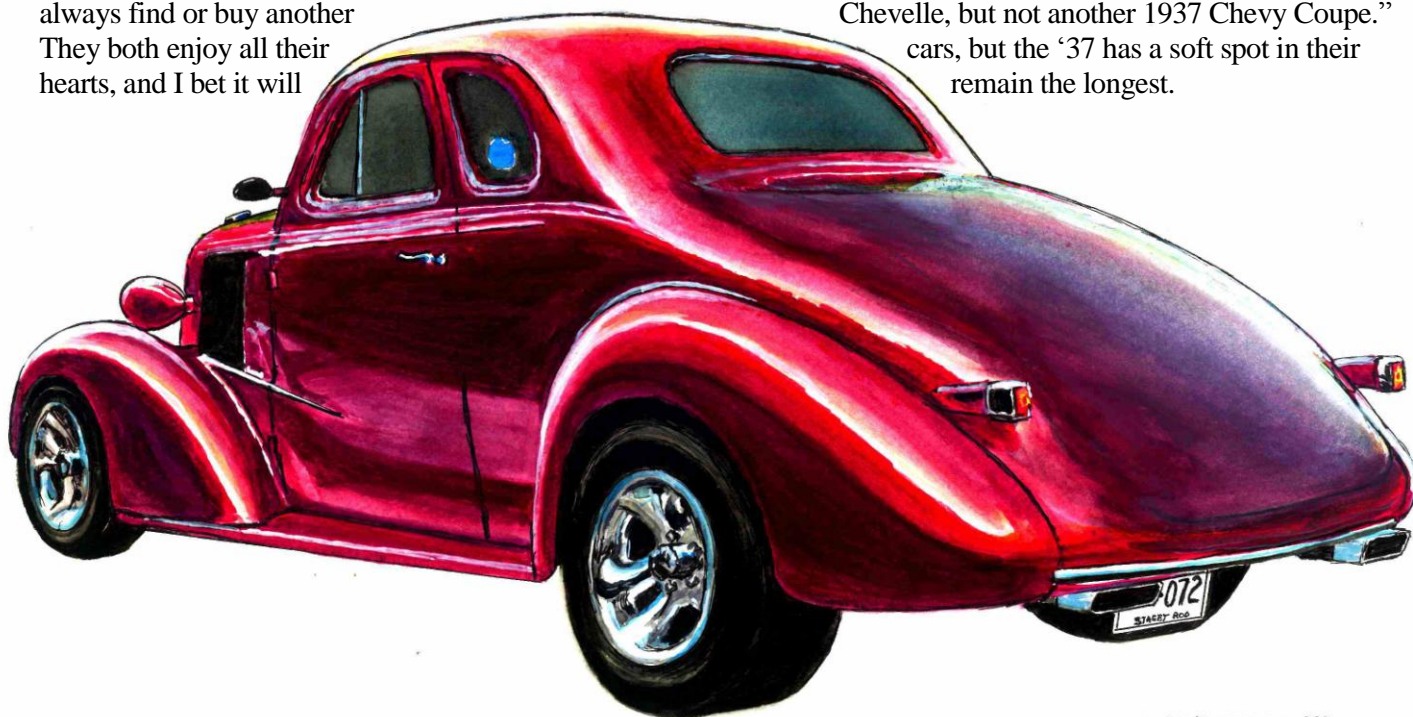
Driven Determination

Keith Schmuck is one of the most determined and talented guys I know when it comes to multi-tasking. He always seems to have more than one project going on at the same time. The 1937 Chevy coupe he bought at an auction is a prime example of his determination. After getting the car home, he tore into it, shedding the 1960s hot rod appearance it came with. The rusty 350 Chevy and power glide trans with the “too wide” ‘57 Chevy rear-end had to come out. The main body shell with doors and trunk were solid along with the rust-free floor. The front fenders weren’t too bad either, but the running boards and rear fenders were shot.

Time went by and in 2007, Keith had the ‘37 completely mocked up with everything in primer. At that time he pulled the body off the frame with the doors and trunk lid in place and took it to Terry Hoffman’s Body Shop in Luverne to get the car painted piece by piece.

While the ‘37 body was at the body shop, Keith’s own shop burned to the ground. Everything for the ‘37 was a total loss from the frame to the engine and trans combination, to all the other old and new parts. Keith’s tools and other assets also were destroyed, including new parts for a ’70 Chevelle, a recently restored John Deere tractor, a brand new 4-wheeler, air compressor, welders and much more. Working with the insurance company to get a new building to replace the shop wasn’t too hard, but it became frustrating when it came to replacing everything else. Apparently even with receipts and charred remains, if the parts aren’t on or in the cars, they are not covered.

After much dismay, everything slowly came back together with a new building and tools to continue on ward as only Keith knows. After chasing around the area and finding out that ‘37 Chevy parts are hard to find, Keith eventually bought a complete car at Oakleaf Salvage to replace the sheet metal that was lost in the fire. He also went to French Lake Motors in Minnesota to get the final radiator support piece he needed to hold the front sheet metal together. He found another 350 Chevy and another 700-R4 trans that he went through before installing. He had Ike Wiese build him a 3-2 set-up, which is a focal point in the engine bay. Although building the ‘37 was a struggle, and I underline that, Keith never lost his drive to finish what turned out to be a beautiful car. About two years ago, Keith threw together a Model A 4-door rat rod with a 401 Buick engine and other parts he had bought at swap meets. He loves to stand back and hear the remarks about his rat rod that took so little time and money. Keith mentioned he recently talked to Darla, his wife, about selling either the ‘37 or the ‘70 Chevelle. She said, “You can always find or buy another Chevelle, but not another 1937 Chevy Coupe.” They both enjoy all their hearts, and I bet it will cars, but the ‘37 has a soft spot in their remain the longest.



Thanks Given

Support from friends and family makes the way easier. Thank you for all the calls, cards and hospital visits. Also, thank you for all the goodies and those who drove street rods at the memorial service. We all lost a valued friend. Shirley Alby

Thanks Given

Thank you to all that sent cards called and visited me during my recent hospital stay. Your friendship, thoughts and especially the prayers mean so much. Heartfelt thanks to such wonderful friends, Don Jones

Thanks Given

Great Family! Great Friends! Great Fun! Thank you everyone for your participation in our special evening. Our 40th Anniversary will forever be a cherished memory. Sincerely, Ron & Jackie Heemstra

Thanks Given

Thank you all my friends and fellow street rodders for all the cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. You all really helped me through some hard times. Sincerely, Melvin Holmbeck

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers go out Ron Roe and his family. Ron's step-mother, Ellen Roe, passed away September 5, 2011 at Bethany Lutheran Home.

Friendship Thanks

Thank you for a wonderful weekend in Watertown. It was as good as billed. It was great for me to interact with a lot more club members. This has been a long, almost two years, and I look forward to all the events on our schedule. Most of all to my new and old friends from the club, you have been my rock over this timeframe, and you are all very important to me. You've provided me with much needed support and friendship during my divorce process. I've been truly blessed by each and every one of you. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart! Your friend, David Frock

Weinie Roast Synopsis

The Annual Great Plains Street Rodders Weinie Roast was awesome. Guesstimates were 100 people; car count was a little over 40. It was a perfect evening to enjoy time together. Thank you again to Ron and Karen Roe for opening up your home. Thank you to Doug and Laurie Van Noort for donating the Franklin Foods discounted hotdogs and buns. Thank you to Josie Bowers and crew for making smores. Terry Jellis was surprised by the Bag Lady and overwhelmed by all the well-wishes.

Meet-n-Eat Begins

The Siouxland Car Council Wednesday night cruise season wraps up September 28 at the Sioux Valley Energy Building. The Great Plains Street Rodders off-season Wednesday night socials begin October 5. The off-season is fun, see you there.

September Birthdays

Jayne DeBoer	1
Chuck Kellogg	2
Jeannine Ogle	4
David Frock	6
Marilyn Meyers	7
Julie Slumskie	10
Linda Elliott	11
Dianne Corkill	12
Sheila Miller	14
Audrey Remme	20
Kris Golden	21
Sherrey Kellogg	25
Dale Kiebach	26
Loren Fick	30
Bill Kullander	30

September Anniversaries

Kevin and Cheri Kappenman	6
Kirk and Michelle Lee	7
Bones and Candi Hanson	11
Keith and Darla Schmuck	11
Scott and Bunny Brady	13
Jason and Christina Jellis	15
Terry and Kathy Koch	16
Garry and Audrey Remme	19
Tom and Linda Elliott	26
Jerry and Robin Miller	29

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

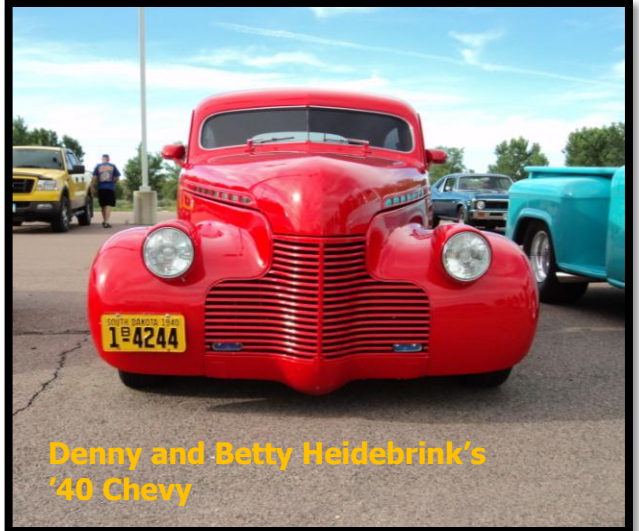


Happy Anniversary Scott & Bunny!

Cruisin' Snapshots



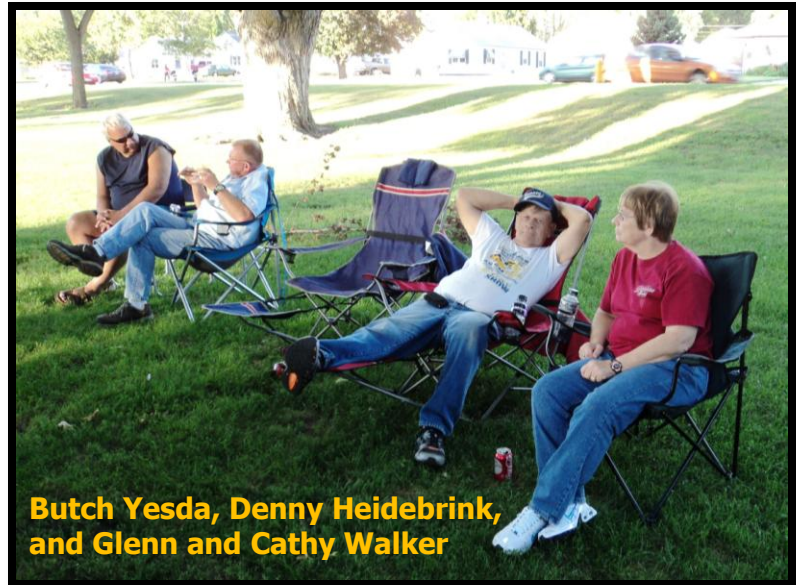
**Ron and Jackie Heemstra's
'34 Pontiac**



**Denny and Betty Heidebrink's
'40 Chevy**



**John and Sonja Lynch's
'70 Dodge SuperBee**



**Butch Yesda, Denny Heidebrink,
and Glenn and Cathy Walker**



Jack and Dianne Boatright

Car Council Schedule

Schedule is also posted on
siouxlandcouncil.info

Sep. 21 – Pizza Ranch, 41st Street
Sep. 28 – Sioux Valley Energy Bldg
(Potluck – Cruise Season Wrap-up)

NEW FEATURE

Photographs and Memories

I'm Tom Olsen, a car guy and veteran Great Plains Street Rodder from Sioux Falls. I developed an interest in cars in the early 1960s, and that passion has been with me all these years.

Fortunately, I took pictures of cars that I liked over the years, and now it seems I have a rather extensive photo collection. 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.

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

Oct. 5 – Snook's Drive-In

106 W. Willow St. Harrisburg, Regular menu items

Oct. 12 – The Keg, W57th

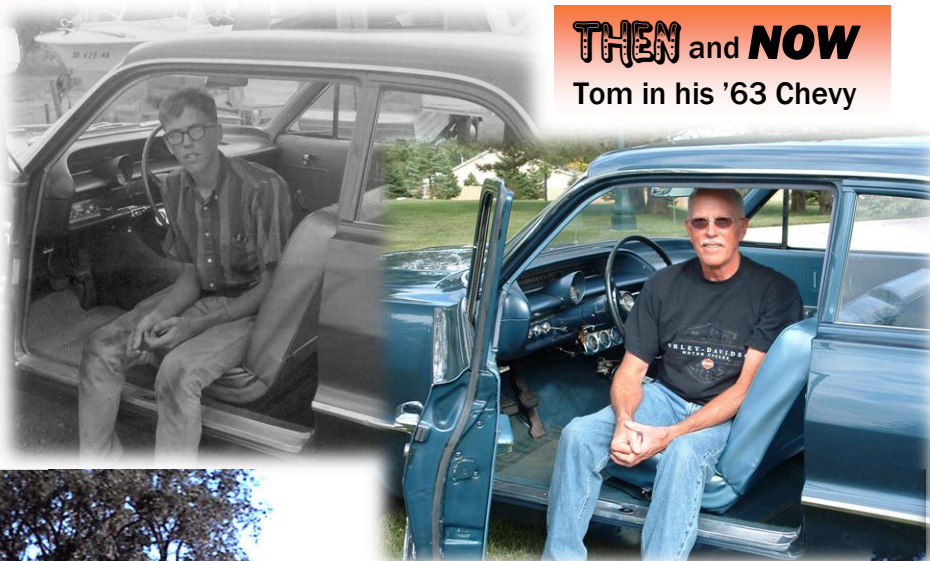
5301 West 57th St, SF, Special Priced - \$6.49 Buffet

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



Let's start this feature off with a shot of certainly the most famous Corvette racer ever to hail from Sioux Falls, Earl Britt's "Pizza Man" Corvette. Earl operated Earl's Pizza Palace (still my favorite pizza ever) in downtown Sioux Falls and campaigned this car successfully all around the country for many years. This car held national records for several years and won its class at many national events. This is a 1954 Corvette with a highly modified 6 cylinder engine, shown running here at Thunder Valley Dragways (Marion, SD) in 1970.



1946 Ford Deluxe Coupe, Street Rod, 350ci, Auto, A/C, Power Windows, Remote Doors, Awesome Driver, Former GPSR Feature Car, \$25,000 Call Buck 351-2019



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



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

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