



Cruisin' News

March 2011

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Marching Through Together

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Every year when March rolls around we start dreaming of April showers and May flowers. Recently, a group of us were discussing how this winter has been the worst winter ever. Then we laughed because the discussion led to the question of whether it has been the worst winter ever, or is it like a migraine and the most recent migraine is the worst migraine ever. As always, we'll continue to have fun no matter the weather.

The Valentine's Party was a big hit as we had around 70 members enjoy the evening together in the Brandon Steakhouse's private room. Nancy Jellis organized the evening and the club gave away some cool door prizes. This year the neat prize was a picture frame etched with our club logo, which was purchased from a local wood shop.

There was a good crowd again this year that spent a weekend in Lincoln together. Part of the group met and cruised together from Tea. Some stopped off and checked out the Sioux City swap meet then met back up to eat fried gator and crayfish at Buzzard Billy's. The whole group met at Speedway Motors then toured the Museum of American Speed as a group. The Golden Corral had reservations for us and everyone enjoyed the huge variety of food. After dinner, some went to the local antique shops, while others decided to check out Trader Joe's. The Trader Joe's group said they went there for the healthy foods, but many checked out with "three-buck Chuck" and other wines. Back at the hotel both groups shared stories of "scenic drives" to their destinations and enjoyed playing follow-the-lost leader, much the same as summer cruising. The swap meet followed on Sunday and then the travel back home.



A number of people went to the Spencer garage tours recently. The tour was compiled of more than a dozen garages spread out around the Spencer, Iowa area. Luckily, Bob had room in his car or Ron would have had to enjoy the 350-mile day in a lawn chair strapped down in the back of Terry's van. The guys had a fun time, enjoyed a lot of free food and drinks at the welcoming locations, and reacquainted with western Iowa hotrod friends they hadn't seen in years.

Thank you for renewing your membership, the club is strong because of you and your participation. As per by-laws, every year on April 1, the officer's review unpaid memberships, begin organizing the annual membership

directory and the email contact list. For continued participation, please be current before the end of March.

For a color copy of the newsletter, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.

Recognized Value

In late summer of 2007, Don Jones was enjoying the Wednesday night cruise by talking cars with friends when another car-guy asked Don's opinion on a certain 1947 Chevy coupe street rod that was for sale. He described the car as best he could, mentioned he was thinking about buying the coupe and respected Don enough to ask him if it would be a good purchase. A couple weeks later Don saw the same young guy again and asked him if he had gotten the car. He shrugged his shoulders and said he couldn't afford it right now as he was getting married soon. So after hearing he wasn't interested anymore, Don, remembering how nice the car description was, asked if he could see the car. The young hotrodder said, "Sure, I'll give the owner your number." A couple days passed and the owner of the '47 Chevy called Don and made arrangements to see the car later that evening. About 5 minutes later, after hanging up, the owner called back and asked if he could just drive the coupe to Don's shop since he had the day off. Don, his interest peaked, agreed as he didn't think the car was drivable. Now he had to see this car....



When the '47 Chevy arrived at the shop, Don grabbed his son, Mike, and they checked it out together. After walking around the car, they both liked what they saw. The street rod had complete, new floors installed along with patch panels welded in place where needed. It also had new fiberglass rear fenders. The body was primed completely, but without any filler or body work done, nothing was hidden, which was a plus in Don's eyes. The power-train was all Ford; a new 429 engine with a C-6 transmission and a 9" rearend. The Ford drive train in a Chevy car didn't scare Don off, it actually made him more interested. The car also had a Heidt's front end along with Vintage Air and the same mag wheels and tires it still has today. After the owner drove the '47 away, Don and Mike realized by adding up what the owner had in car, parts alone, without the body, the asking price was the deal of the century. Don did not waste any time snatching up the car.

In the beginning of 2008, Don and Mike completed all the body work and paint. Making it the 2-tone red and black colors it is today. As such a solid project, it became a finished outstanding streetrod quickly.

Now, both Betty and Don really enjoy the car, even without the interior being totally finished. They've driven it almost 8,000 miles since it was painted. The only little issue the car had was solved by installing a shroud on the radiator to keep the engine from getting hot at stop lights on 100 degree days. Driving around in a comfortable new-looking old car with the air conditioning in the summer time does not get any better. Knowing your ride appreciates instead of depreciating makes it even better.



Newsletter Submissions

Just about anything will be considered for the newsletter: recipes, stories, pictures, history or whatever you'd like to share.

Submissions are due the first Wednesday of each month.

To submit something, email president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com

Battle Scars

Battle scars are a sad part of cruising. Parked cruisers get marks for looking good. We all share stories of baby strollers, bicycles, purses, dogs, belt buckles and you-name-it leaving marks/scars on our cars.



Coming Home

Our wintertime southern contingents are returning home and showing off tans, photos and stories from the south's never-ending car show circuit.

We have quite a few friends emailing, enjoying newsletters and other communications all while enjoying warmer temps and car shows.

It's great to get information regarding shows and national trends, but it's even better to have them back home laughing and sharing in person.

Welcome back everyone.

Dedicated to Roger

The 2011 Wednesday Night Cruise calendars will be available again this year in May. This year's cruising is dedicated to the memory of our friend, Roger Malcomb, and all the fun times we had with him. Roger did a lot to enhance our hobby and embodied all the wonderful social characteristics that make our hobby and club so strong. He was always an active cruiser surrounded by great friends as a member of the Igniters in the 50's and then a founding member and past president of the Great Plains Street Rodders. Roger was always the first to renew his and Jan's membership every year. The club has since awarded Jan a lifetime membership. We are proud to honor him and his family by dedicating this cruise season to Roger Malcomb.

Picnic Cruises Planned

The 2011 schedule has us back at our favorite hang-outs.



March Birthdays

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Norma Krouse	6
Ken Levene	8
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Les Ramstad	14
Grant Geister	14
Don Jensen	15
Wayne Ebright	17
Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Amanda Mullinix	24
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Pat Kiebach	27
Rich Barnes	30
Scott Brady	31

March Anniversaries

Chuck & Sherrey Kellogg	28
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April Birthdays

Debbie Yesda	4
James DeBoer	10
Junie Herschberger	15
Patt Anderson	16
Lana Kullander	16
Mike DeBoer	17
Christine Jellis	18
Gary Jorgenson	21
Bob Van Noort	23
Sandy Peterson	26
Kent Reilly	27
Jackie Heemstra	28
Carolyn Hood	29

April Anniversaries

Don & Betty Jones	2
Ken & Vicky Levene	4
Dean & Joyce Gough	17
Grant & Linda Geister	18
Don & Helen Jensen	21
Les & Mary Ramstad	24
Derrick & Sarah Stokes	26
Don & LaDell Mertens	28

Members 'n Cars

Summer Snapshots



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

Please join us. Many of these gatherings have special group rates. Schedule on greatplainsstreetrodders.com

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

Mar. 16 – Tea Steakhouse

215 S. Main Ave., Tea
Regular menu items

Mar. 23 – Valentino's

2000 W. 41st Street, SF
Regular buffet menu

Mar. 30 – Old 77 Bar & Grille

24654 475th, Dell Rapids
Community Room
Wings & Rings Specials
Regular menu items

Apr. 6 – Tailgators

1013 N. Splitrock, Brandon
Order from menu
Private Room

Apr. 13 – Granite City

2620 S. Louise Ave., SF
Regular menu items

Apr. 20 – Dutch Inn

405 Garfield Ave, Dell Rapids
Private Room
Roast Beef and Chicken
Buffet, \$7.50

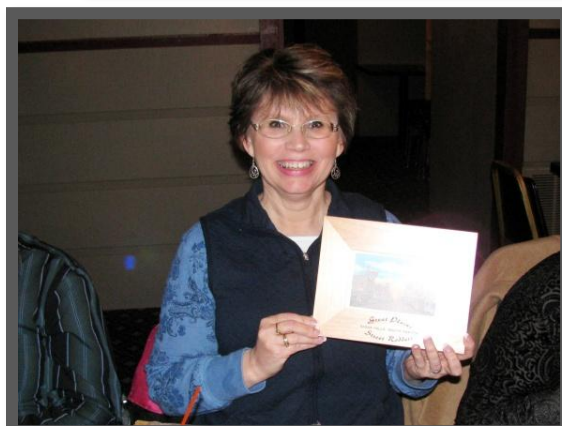
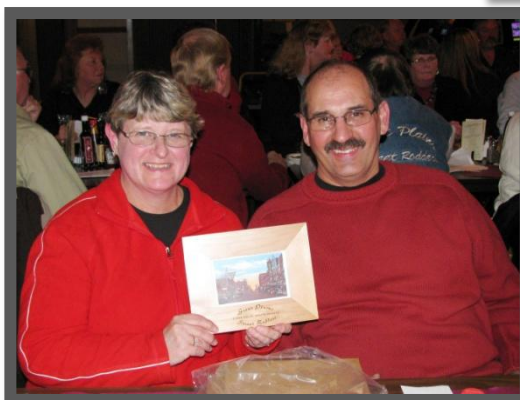
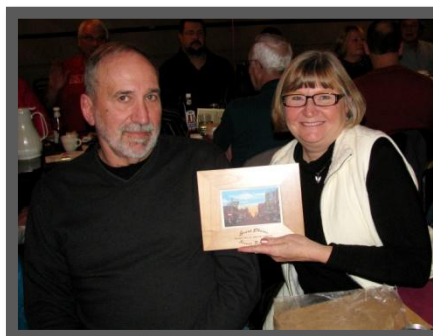
Apr. 27 – Pizza Ranch - Tea

801 E. Brian Street, Tea
Regular buffet menu



Valentine's Party

Some of the Door-Prize Winners



Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – 4 Wheels and Tires. BF Goodrich TA white letter. (2) 275/60/15, (2) 225/60/15. **American racing wheels** 5 spoke, 5 bolt, 4 3/4 GM pattern. Like new. Low miles. \$875.00. **Holley 650 carburetor** double pump, needs kit. \$35.00
Call Ron 359-8946 or email hushman2000@sio.midco.net.

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

WANTED – 1937 Ford 2dr Sedan project. On budget so less expensive the better. Just body and frame.
Call Kirk 376-2927 or email krklee@gmail.com

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 – 2002 Lincoln Continental. Contact Don at deltadon79@hotmail.com

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 – Rocker panel side trim, stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. Only \$10! Call 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

FOR SALE – 1976 Ford Torino Elite two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Call Ken Buchanan 605 212-2821
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 – Complete 396 CI Chevrolet Big Block date coded L-1-5 (Dec-1-65), Holley 600 CFM double-pumper carb, Edelbrock Performer 2-O aluminum intake, GM HEI distributor, 8.5 mm ignition wires, strong performance hydraulic cam, fuel pump, needs valve guide seals, \$2000 pair of John Deere lawn tractor wheels sand blasted painted JD yellow 12"x12" for 400 series tractor, \$60.00; snow mobile trailer axle with springs and tounge, \$50.00; pair of trailer tires & wheels, bias ply 205/75x14 spoked wheels 5x41/2" bolt pattern \$30.00
Call Mike Miller 360-8546

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

