



# Cruisin' News

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## Happy Silver Anniversary

By Clay Seachris

President's message

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the car club. Many of you know and others remember 1985 when the group officially became the Great Plains Street Rodders. Friends with similar interests formed the club to be one of the host clubs for the '86 National Street Rod Association's Mid-America Nationals held at the fairgrounds. Recently, Bob Schmeichel shared some of his memorabilia from the early days reflecting years of camaraderie and the history of this club cruising, showing off cars and having fun together. There have been little changes through the years as the club grew and expanded. The focus of being together having fun, cruising eating and showing cars as a group of close friends has remained. Betty Heidebrink has kept our history in photos compiled in numerous albums that are shared at certain events. Scrapbooking these albums continue to be a great way to preserve our history. Currently, the club is also working on converting many of those pictures to digital for viewing on our website and in this newsletter. If you have photos to share, please lend them to an officer for digital scanning.

Derrick Stokes has been spending the winter evenings updating our website with additional feature paintings and pictures of our fun together. Our website is becoming more comprehensive all the time. The photo archives, history section, feature car paintings and stories, old newsletters and other sections continue to capture our memories and the attention of members and car enthusiasts.

Club members have been organizing with the rest of the clubs on the Siouxland Car Council to bring you this summer's Wednesday Night Cruise schedule. The council is raffling off a motorized '41 Willys for children's charities. Kevin Kappenman purchased the car (his dream car only smaller), Don and Mike Jones painted it and now you can win it. The club is looking for members to help sell tickets to keep this a fun, successful fundraiser. Our coordinated events are the same as last year; we will be hosting the Poker Run, root-beer floats at Childrens' Home Society and the show-n-shine at Bethany Meadows in Brandon. I look forward to the upcoming events we have planned and working with you to make the rest of the winter and this summer as memorable as ever.



## *How a Farm Car Was Reborn*

Once an old farm car to help with chores over Iowa's rolling hills, Randy DeBoer's 1939 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan now looks like a streetrod from his high school days.

Randy bought the car at a farm sale in Iowa in 1985. It had apparently been used on the farm, he said, and still wore the scars of having been driven through a fence and hammered back into shape, or at least a general likeness of its original shape.

"It was in driving condition," Randy said. "The body had a few dents in it, but it was a rust-free car."

After purchasing the car, he parked it in his mother's garage with good intentions of fixing it up. About 12 years later, he decided it had languished long enough, so he upgraded the brakes to 1955 Chevy drum brakes (to keep it away from those fences) and started driving it during the summers.

Then in 2008 he decided to turn the car over to Don and Mike Jones for a body-off rebuild. The frame was powder-coated, all the minor dents removed, and a Chevrolet 350 c.i. V-8 with a 350 automatic transmission were installed. The front axle was dropped and a 1995 Ford Ranger rear-end with 3:08 gears bolted into place.

Randy said he had been purchasing new chassis parts for several years because his daughter was working at a university near Chassis Engineering at Iowa City, so he'd stop and pick up a part or two every time he went to visit her.

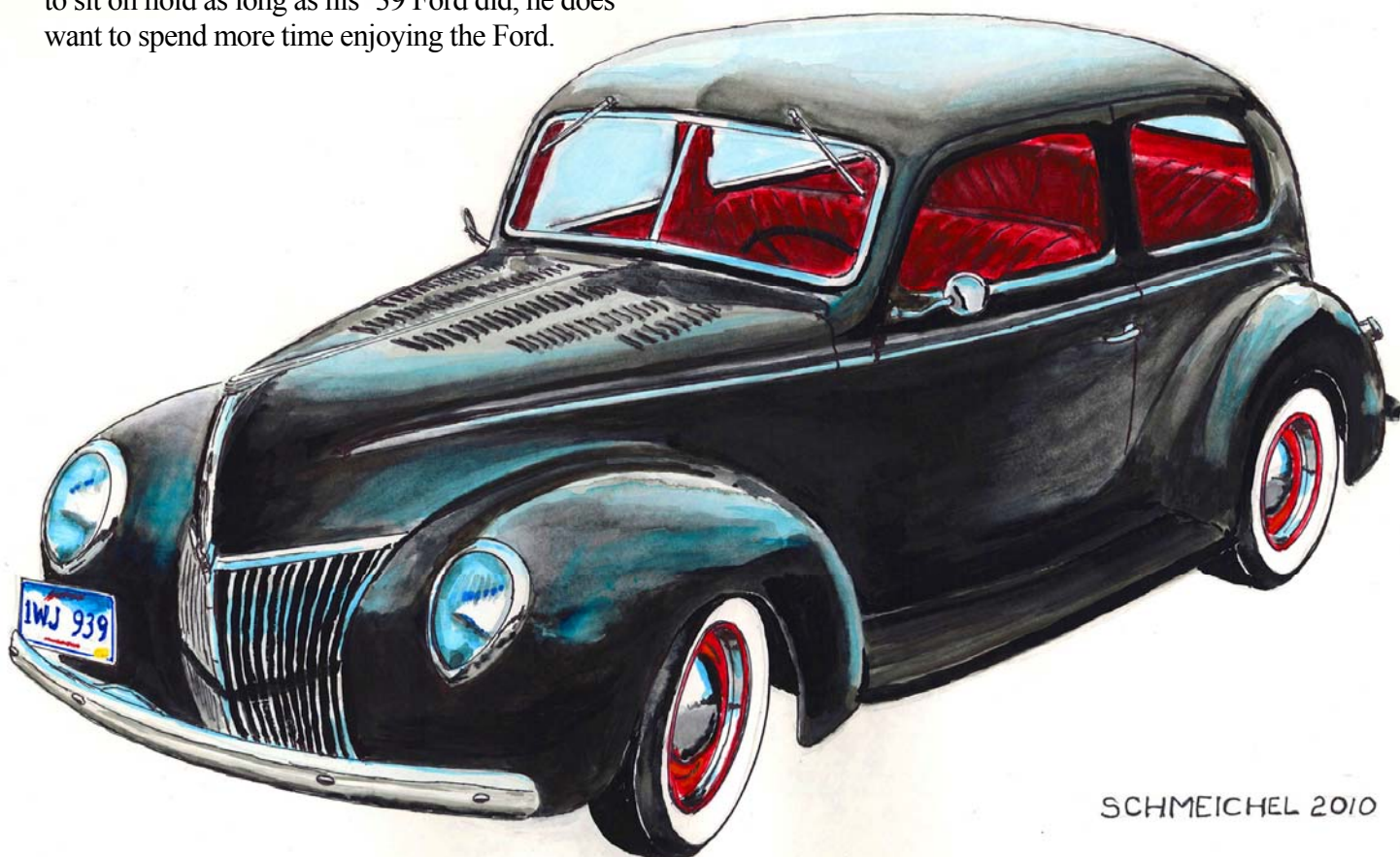
"I decided to paint it black and kind of go old school on it," Randy said.

That old school look was important, because Randy had a 1940 Ford coupe in high school. It was also black with red wheels, and it also had the dropped front axle.

"It's kind of what I remember in high school," he said of his '39 Ford.

"I really like it a lot. I hope to put more miles on it."

Randy also has a 1941 Plymouth business coupe for his next project, and while he doesn't want that project to sit on hold as long as his '39 Ford did, he does want to spend more time enjoying the Ford.



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## *Thank you*

Thank you for your generous memorial for our dad, Lyle Starks. We will be purchasing a brick for him at Veterans' Memorial Park in Sioux Falls. Thank you for honoring his military service. John and Sonja (Starks) Lynch

## *Sympathy Offered*

It is with great sadness that we extend sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Nancy Snyder and the rest of Fred Snyder's family. Our friend, cruising buddy and active streetrodder, Fred G. Snyder passed away January 23. Funeral services were held January 27 with many Great Plains Streetrodders present and helping the family. You may send a card to Nancy Snyder, 3101 S. Covell, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. The car club gave a memorial.



## *Thank you*

Great Plains Street Rodders, Thank you for the memorial for Fred. He thought the world of you! Friends like you are hard to come by. Nancy Snyder

## *Sympathy Offered*

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rick Munce, Lanette Gregersen and their families. Rick's brother passed away February 3. Cards and letters may be sent to Rick Munce, 2209 S. Villanova Avenue. Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

## *Congratulations*

Mike and Lori Paulson have a new granddaughter. Noelani Mae was born January 29 to Tom and Christy Bossman.

## *Don't be Overdue*

Membership renewals began in January. The club won't send out Guido Tha Hammer with a club if you're late, but it works well to have everyone renewed before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pay your 2010 dues to treasurer, Jayne DeBoer, or secretary, Amanda Mullinix.

The 2010 dues are still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single and your children under 18 are always included.

You may send renewals to Jayne DeBoer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103 or give them to any officer on Wednesday nights.



## *February Birthdays*

Derrick Stokes	1
Jim Hansen	2
Don Jones	2
Jane Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Bonnie Britt	12
Faye Gallagher	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14
Morris Fick	17
Ken Buchanan	18
Ron Roe	23
Joyce Gough	23

## *February Anniversaries*

Roger & Cheryl Van Noort	3
Larry & Janet Gannon	11
Terry & Sandy Peterson	11
Bob & Ellen Van Noort	18
Rich & Melania Barnes	26

## *March Birthdays*

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Melanie Trites	5
Norma Krouse	6
Ken Levene	8
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Natalie Butler	12
Les Ramstad	14
Don Jensen	15
Wayne Ebright	17
Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Kathy Koch	20
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Sam Britt	24
Amanda Mullinix	24
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Pat Kiebach	27
Marge Ecker	29
Rich Barnes	30

## *March Anniversaries*

Chuck & Sherrey Kellogg	28
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## *Southern Chapter*

Members in southern Texas pose for a snapshot. It's nice to hear from club members who are spending time in the sun while missing the rest of rest of us in SD.



Larry & Kris Golden, Jeannine Ogle & Randy DeBoer, Don & Helen Jensen, Audrey & Gary Jorgenson, Sandy & Terry Peterson took this picture during their annual Shrimp Fry at South Padre Island, TX.

## *Win a New Car*

Win this '41 Willys powered by a 50cc motorcycle engine and valued just under \$1,000. The Siouxland Car Council donated this little cruiser and we need you to purchase and sell tickets. All proceeds go to local children's charities. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for the June 12 drawing. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.



## *Through the Years...*





## Meet-N-Eat Schedule

Schedule posted on  
GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com.

**Jan. 13** – Shenanigan's Pub  
**Jan. 20** – Hy-Vee, S. Minn  
**Jan. 27** – The Cracker Barrel  
**Feb. 3** – The Royal Fork  
**Feb. 10** – Valentine's Party  
The Brandon Steakhouse  
**Feb. 17** – Skelly's Pub  
**Feb. 24** – Valentino's  
**Mar. 3** – Pizza Ranch, Brandon  
**Mar. 10** – Ramkota Restaurant  
**Mar. 17** – Tea Steakhouse  
**Mar. 24** – Main Street,  
Larchwood  
**Mar. 31** – Pizza Ranch, Tea  
**Apr. 7** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.  
**Apr. 14** – IHOP E10th  
**Apr. 21** – Sioux Valley Energy  
Building, Brandon  
**Apr. 28** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.

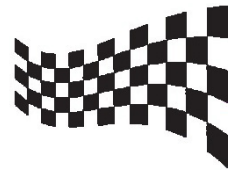
## Hobo Stew

The Annual Hobo Stew Party is  
Sunday, February 21 at the El  
Riad Shrine on 14<sup>th</sup> & Phillips  
starting at 4:30 p.m.



## Lincoln, NE Road Trip

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**



### Speedway Motors Museum Tour at 2 p.m.

#### (Museum of American Speed)

340 Victory Lane, Lincoln, NE 68528

\$5 Discounted Admission (Approx. 2 hours) arrive at least 10 min. early

### World's Largest Collection Vintage to Exotic Racing Engines & Speed Equipment

Twenty rooms are blocked at the Super 8 Motel, 2545 Cornhusker Hwy., under Great Plains Streetrodders. Confirmation # 421020608. To get the \$47.00 + tax rate, you must call Julia at 402-467-4488 (Sunday-Thursday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.) and pay for your own room by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

A group will meet and leave from Marlins at the Tea exit at 7 a.m. Saturday morning. Upon arrival in Lincoln, we will stop at the Haymarket District for shopping and lunch. Lunch reservations are at Buzzard Billy's, 247 N 8<sup>th</sup> St., in the Haymarket District. There are also other local establishments to eat at if so desired.

Other items of interest are:

**Harbor Freight Tools** 1940 Corn Husker Hwy.

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Memorial Swapmeet**

Lancaster Event Center – 4100 N 84<sup>th</sup> St.

7 a.m. on Sunday

Any questions call Lori Paulson at 605-351-0416.



## ***Classified Ads***

(FREE to All Members)

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 at 371-5898

FOR SALE – **GM Crate Motor-350**, 385hp currently on a start up stand at Terry Kochs' shop if you want to see it and hear it run. \$3500.00 o.b.o. Call Gary B. 321-4581.

FOR SALE – **16-foot Lund fishing boat**, twin 18hp Johnson, 2 tanks, 2 fish finders, new battery, rod holders, 2 anchors; \$2,800. Call Melvin Holmbeck at 605-361-2740.

FOR SALE – **2002 Lincoln Continental**. Don Mertens, deltadon79@hotmail.com

FOR SALE – **1946 Ford 2-door sedan**, Saleen Mustang front end, 11-inch brakes, steering done, nine-inch rear end, Mono leaf rear springs, body work needs to be finished. \$4,600.00 Call Allen Alby at 334-3472.

WANTED -- **1968 Buick Skylark** with good body parts, need not run. Also need a set of 15-inch, 5-spoke mags to fit a Chevy and a set of 15-inch wire wheels with 4 ½ inch pattern. Call Eric Anderson at 712 380 4969

FOR SALE – **1957 Chevy chassis**. Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543

FOR SALE – **Rocker panel side trim**, stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. \$10. Call 498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

FOR SALE – **Chevy 15-inch steel rims** with hub caps from a 1951 Chevy, four for \$50 OBO. Call 498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

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. Contact Brian, 605-498-0178

FOR SALE – **1952 Packard parts**, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571

FOR SALE – **Ford shop manual** for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Contact Ken Buchanan.

FOR SALE – **Complete Motor 396 CI Chevrolet Big Block** date code 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, \$2000.00; Chevrolet Big Block 9 qt oil pan cleaned & painted black, \$25.00; new Chevy/GM 454 HD fan clutch new in box, \$30.00; For info. call Mike Miller 605-360-8546

FOR SALE -- **1972 Buick Riviera**, 455 c.i., auto. Needs deck lid and front seat upholstery. Good straight body, vinyl top, boattail. Runs and drives. New front discs. \$1500. **1975 Buick Riviera**, 455, auto, very good body, needs some plastics and front bucket seat torn. One owner car that has the turbine wheel covers. Excellent bumpers and chrome. Runs and drives. Call Eric Anderson at 712 380 4969

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 Kullander, 605 366-1158

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.

WANTED – **Classified ads** for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter. If you are a member of the club, it'll cost you nothing. But it can help you sell something, or find something. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

