



Cruisin' News

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What Do You Want To Do?

(another message from the editor)

The presidents of the Great Plains Streetrodders Club and the Siouxland Car Council came to me and asked for ideas on what the membership of these organizations would like to do for activities next year.

Now, I could go on to boast at this point about how great leaders come to me for inspiration and great wisdom, but the truth is President George W. Bush doesn't even answer my emails. The fact of the matter is the local hotrod leadership seem to think I possess some great powers to conger up thoughts and viewpoints from the membership at large. Obviously they didn't notice my futile efforts to create controversy when we started this newsletter.

Always willing to share whatever I have, I will offer some of my own suggestions on what the club could be doing. If you like them, let the club's leadership know. If you don't, you better let them know that, too, and maybe offer some ideas of your own. Both Doug Walker and Brad Goebel really do want to know how to make the club more interesting and fun for you.

I would like to see some of those in the club who are blessed enough to own three or four or more old cars open their garage up for a tour some winter Wednesday evening so we can see what they have and take in a little off-season car show. It might help sooth those of us suffering from old car withdrawal. And if I can be really selfish, let's have a grill-out right outside their garage so we can all be fed. Recognizing that this could create chills for the cooks and traffic problems for the poor host, it might be wiser to have dinner at a restaurant and break our group into two shifts, sending one to the restaurant of choice at 5:30 p.m. while the other half is touring the garage, and then the half at the garage could go to the restaurant at 7 p.m. to allow the others to tour the garage. Anybody open to offering to host something like this?

Another idea would be to have an art show. I don't think I'm the only one taking pictures of old cars, and we may have another individual or two who share Bob Schmeichel's talent for placing pencil or brush to paper or canvas. If we got a room at a place similar to what we usually use at Tailgator's in Brandon, we could display the works at one end of the room to allow people to go view them while waiting for their meal to be delivered or after they finish eating. And it wouldn't have to be just individual photos or paintings. Those who have books with photo documentation of their car's build or restoration, they could display that. How many of you would be willing to bring something to present at this kind of show? It would be a show and shine in which you didn't have to shine what you show!

Anybody like to play games? One evening we could invite everyone to bring some piece of a car to present to the group. The group would then try to guess what it is and/or make and vintage car it came from.

As for the summertime cruises, I think our old car leadership did a bang-up job (or is that a bad expression to use in a car hobby?) this year. I'm already looking forward to doing more of the same next year. The folks at the retirement home and VA hospital really seemed to enjoy looking at the old cars, so maybe we should include some more such facilities in next year's cruises. And I, for one, really enjoyed the grill-outs at the parks.

I'd like to hear from some of you. What ideas do you have for next year's activities?

This One Brings All Kinds of Smiles

It's not just the small size that endears Cheryl VanNoort's little 1956 Nash Metropolitan to her, but the styling as well. She doesn't care that her husband Roger has already reached the car cruise destination in his modified 1934 Chevy before she builds enough speed for second gear.

"It's cute and it's little," Cheryl said in explaining why she likes the car so much. "I told Roger if I ever get a car, it was going to be cute and little."

Little doesn't just describe the outward dimensions. Its 1500 CC motor was rated at 52 horsepower. But don't laugh – that was a significant increase from the Metro's first two years (1954-55) when it had a 1200 cc motor producing 42 horsepower!

"It's for putzing around," Cheryl explained.

And remember, the big three American car manufacturers laughed at Volkswagen, too, when it first brought over what became the Beetle.

Roger and Cheryl bought their Metro in June 2004, after looking for one for about two years.

"I saw one and it was for sale, but Roger talked me out of it because he said you couldn't get any parts for it," she said.

But they found parts were available, and after passing the word around a friend found one for them. He is a car collector himself, who also appreciated the little car's qualities, and had actually bought the car for himself, but later offered it to Cheryl. "He knew I wanted one and he liked me," Cheryl said.

The car had already been restored to original when her friend had bought it. And at the first car show Cheryl took it to, in Del Rapids, it won first place.

Cheryl doesn't mind taking her time to get to places in it, and takes the teasing in good spirit. Roger teases her the most about it, she said.

"I've been following you, and even the gophers taunt you," Roger said.

Or Cheryl's favorite, "It goes so slow even the bugs have time to get out of the way."

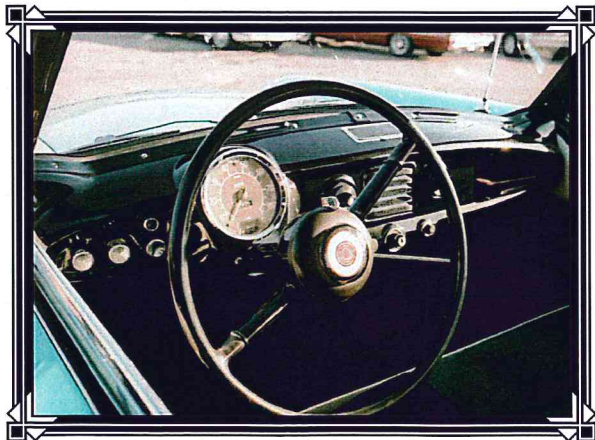
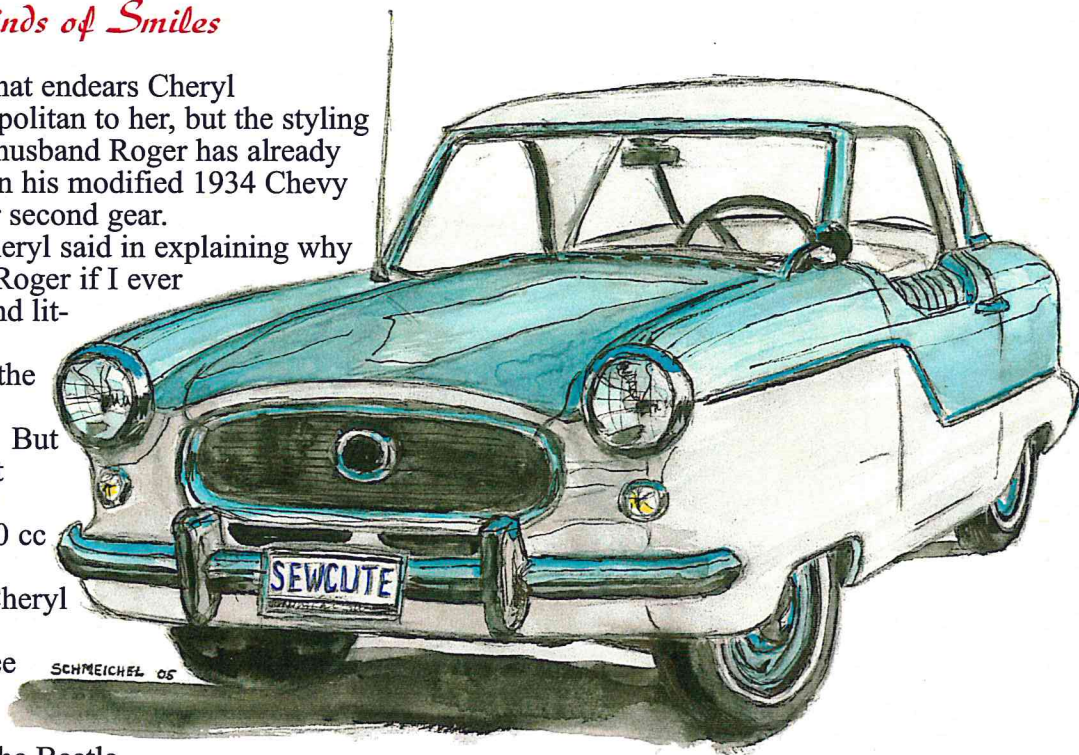
People may laugh, but Cheryl says the car does draw a lot of favorable attention. Everybody seems to see it as "cute." And even in it's day it was popular enough to be offered by Nash and American Motors for eight years with very few styling changes.

Cheryl has taken its most common compliment and added her upholstery profession to it to create a vanity license plate that describes both her and her car – "SEW CUTE."

She may not win any races, but she probably collects far more smiles than most racers do trophies. And she appreciates that as much as the car's attractive styling. How fast it goes, or doesn't, matters nothing to her as long as it gets her down the road.

"It rides like a four-cylinder car," she shrugs.

Ah, but it carries those four cylinders quite stylishly.



Unusual Car Remedy

A blonde pushes her vintage Corvette into a service station and tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburetor." She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

Tour the Mississippi Valley

A tour of the Mississippi River valley in Minnesota is being planned for the first weekend in October. It'll be a leisurely tour with stops wherever the participants want along the way.

The trip is scheduled to start Friday, Sept. 30, with participants driving in small groups to Rochester, MN, and spending the night there at the Days Inn. The next morning they will again break up into small groups, based on interests of what type of places at which they would like to stop along the way.

The chosen route takes them south on Hwy 52 and then east on Hwy 16 to the Mississippi River. From there they'll go north on Hwy 61 along the shore of Ol' Man River to Hastings, MN. The group will spend Saturday Night at Hastings.

On Sunday morning they will tour to Minneopa Park, (near Mankato) and have lunch there.

For more information, contact Kevin Kappenman at 336-2116 or 310-4854. He has maps of the planned tour available.



Wheels for Charity Car Show was a success, even if it did rain Suatuday morning. Look for the editorial next month.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 23-25	Mid-Western National at Kansas City, KS
Sept. 23-25	OutKasts Car Show at Mitchell, SD
Sept. 24	Renner Car Show at Renner, SD
Sept. 28	Cruise to Rollin' Pin
Oct. 5	Cruise to Pizza Ranch in Brandon
Oct. 12	Cruise to Shenannigan's
Oct. 19	Cruise to Main Street in Larchwood, Iowa
Oct. 26	Cruise to Tea Steakhouse
Nov. 2	My Pizza Pie
Nov. 9	Royal Fork
Nov. 16	The Keg on E. 26th St.
Nov. 23	Fyin' Pan on E. 10th St.
Nov. 30	C.J. Calloway's
Dec. 7	Thirsty Duck
Dec. 14	China Express
Dec. 21	Uncle Angelo's
Dec. 28	Marlin's

Submissions For The Newsletter

If you have anything to submit for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter, the deadline is the second Wednesday of each month. Anything will be considered for addition to the newsletter.

To submit something, contact Brian Lee at 605-498-0178, email bg4given@gmail.com or look for him around his 1961 Ford Thunderbird or 1951 Chevy sedan delivery.



Great Plain Streetrodders

New Members List

2005-2006

Fiferlick, Harold & Connie
1514 N. Alguire Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
332-7359, C-351-4187
2004 Chevy Corvette

Peterson, Terry & Sandy
2404 S. Arbor
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
361-2357, C-359-5386
1972 Dodge Charger

Seachris, Clay & Susan
4120 S. Bedford Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
330-8664, W-333-7614
C-360-4995

1965 Ford Cobra Repl
1969 Chevy Camaro PC
1998 Chevy Corvette

Tlustos, Mike & Jean
1500 Severn Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
362-1712, C351-4470
1947 International PU
1949 International PU
1950 Chevy Panel

Tyrrell, Bernie &
2404 W. 37th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
371-1100, 351-8585
W-3393230
1932 Ford

September Birthdays

Jayne DeBoer-9/1
Fred Snyder-9/7
Mary Jo Christensen-9/14
Kent Malcomb-9/15
Audrey Remme-9/20

September Anniversaries

Kirk & Michelle Lee-9/7
Jerry & Marilyn Meyers-9/7
Jerry & LaVonne Hulls-9/8
Bones & Candi Hanson-9/11
Terry & Kathy Koch-9/16
Garry & Audrey Remme-9/19

Classified ads

FOR SALE – 1942 Packard parts, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571.

FOR SALE – 14-inch beauty rings and baby moons to fit Ford rims. This is a complete set of four, but one of the baby moon hub caps is banged up. The whole set will go for \$20. Call Brian at 498-0178.

FOR SALE – Antique trunk measures 3 feet long, 19 inches wide and 12 inches deep, made of wood and metal. It's been in the family for at least 50 years, but we don't use it, so someone can have it for \$10. Call Brian at 498-0178.

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. The very first time classified ads were included in the newsletter, they worked. Brian Lee sold a Johnny Lightening diescast car. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at bg4given@gmail.com

October Birthdays

Rick Munce-10/8
Melania Barnes-10/11
Lori Paulson-10/11
Dale Heither-10/12
Doug Walker-10/13
Carol Olson-10/23

October Anniversaries

Roger & Jan Malcomb-10/5
Marlo & Shirley Jones-10/9
Doug & Karen Walker-10/13
Dwight & Ruby Johnson-10/20
Bob & Sandy Schmeichel-10/20
Phil & Junie Herschberger-10/24
Bernie & Tyrell-10/27
Wayne & Roxie Ebright-10/31

