



Cruisin' News

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There's Always Old Cars Around My Vacation

(a message from the editor)

Right in the middle of the old car season, and right in the middle of a sudden move to a new home, we took a vacation to the Black Hills.

Now, my wife is very understanding about my hobbies, and even encourages them (they leave me with no time to chase other women). But she does get a little testy if I schedule all my vacation time around car shows and the like. So, I tried to show her how much I love her by scheduling a vacation in the middle of the car show season at some bed and breakfast joint in a remote location in the Black Hills.

It was a beautiful spot in a beautiful area, with all the pine trees and mountains. We did a little hiking and we did a lot of driving. That's what you do in the Black Hills – you drive a lot. The big site seeing locations include Needles Highway, Iron Mountain Road, the Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park, etc. And even the site-seeing locations, of which there are many, are all far apart from each other. Did you ever hear of any-

one “walking” to see Mount Rushmore?

But that's not a bad thing. It's just that fact that draws so many touring groups, from the massive Sturgis Motorcycle Rally (you don't think they stay in Sturgis, do you, other than those who fall over drunk there?) to many smaller car clubs. Yes, I'm talking about old car clubs.

And so, the vacation that was designed to not include old cars featured the Chevy Impala National Meet and a tour of the Denver, Colorado, Ford Model A Club. There were great looking Model As and Impalas everywhere we went. And I didn't know we were going to come across



A 1960 Impala and a 1958 Chevy ambulance happened to visit Boondock's near Deadwood, SD, at the same time as Brian Lee. Brian and Grace took a vacation into the Black Hills and found they were going to enjoy old cars whether they planned to or not.

that little car museum/shop called Boondock's. Really, I didn't.

Boondock's was really a group of shops with mostly car and nostalgic related items plus some museum-type displays in a couple of the buildings featuring old cars. There were several Studebakers, half of them customized, plus a '57 T-Bird and a 1960s era rail dragster. And the buildings had that 1950s look to them. Honest, this stop wasn't planned as part of the vacation. We just happened to stumble across it.

Nor did I plan our vacation for the same time as the Chevy Impala Meet, or the Ford Model A Tour. I truly didn't know they were going to be there. They had some really nice-looking cars at several of the places we stopped, but that was just coincidence.

So, while I may have missed one of our club's weekly tours, I still did get my weekly fix of old cars. God is so good.

He's Not Yellow About Changing His Hotrod

It's a 1923 Ford, but there is very little from 1923 on it. Most of it is from the latter part of that century. Craig Rice bought his 1923 Ford Model T bucket hotrod as a kit in 2000. But about the only thing that makes it a 1923 model car is the title that came with the kit. When he registered it after completing the build in 2003, it was registered as a 1923 automobile.

The body is fiberglass, with a few personal touches. He originally built it with a 454 c.i. engine, but the cooling system couldn't keep up with that monster, so he swapped it out in favor of a 350 c.i. engine that still makes it go plenty fast. With so little weight to push up to 65, it is quick, but he's never had it timed, nor raced it.

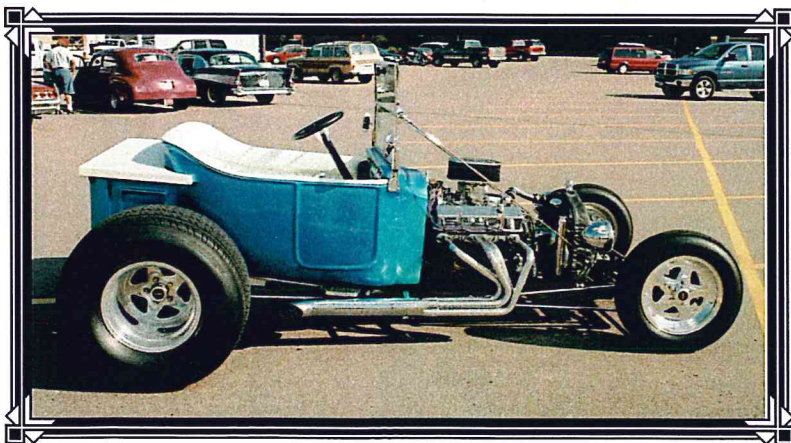
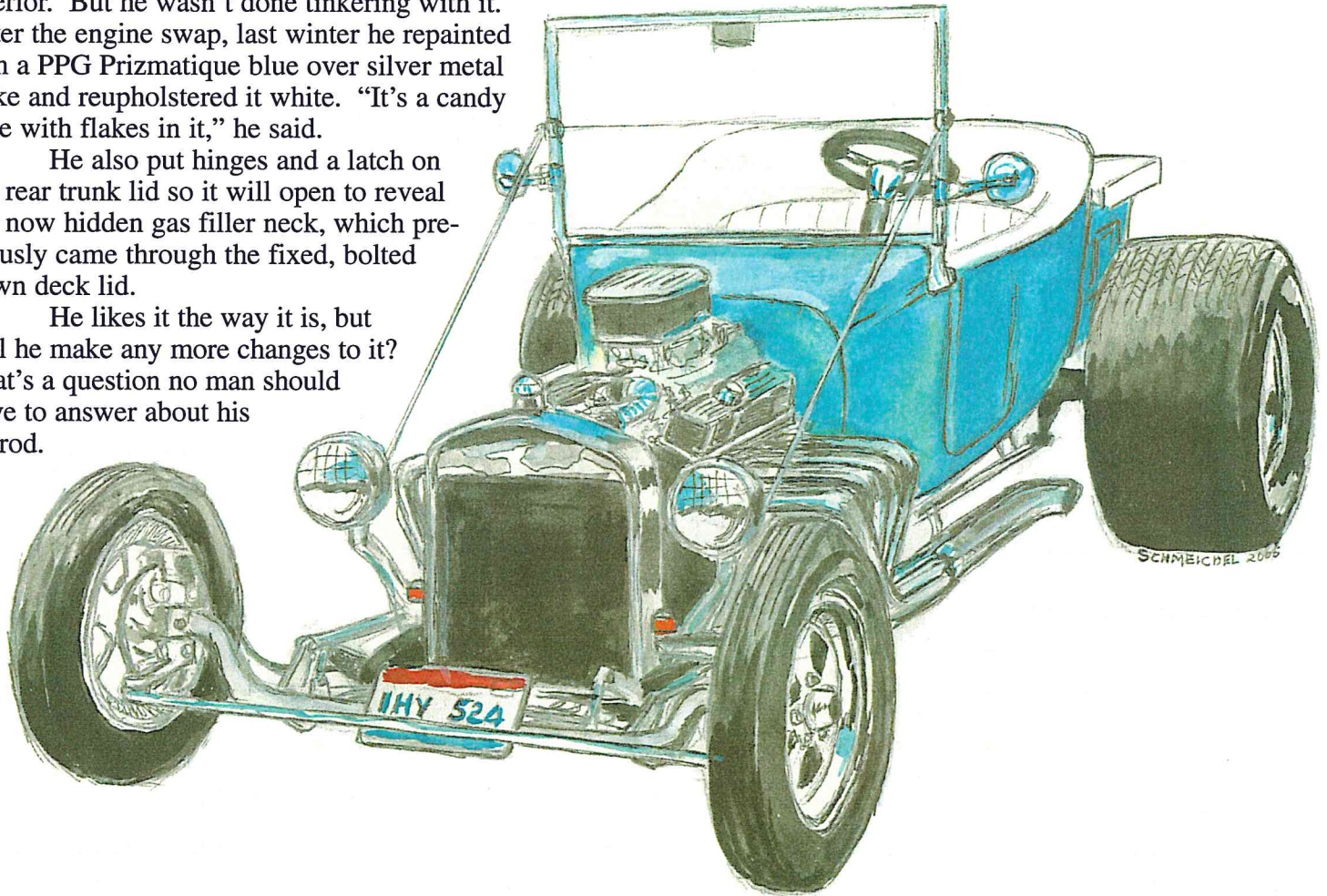
"It's not that kind of quick (to be racing), but it's quick from stop light to stop light," he said.

It is also equipped with a Turbo 350 automatic transmission and a Ford 8-inch rear end.

When he originally completed it, it was yellow with a black interior. But he wasn't done tinkering with it. After the engine swap, last winter he repainted it in a PPG Prizmatique blue over silver metal flake and reupholstered it white. "It's a candy blue with flakes in it," he said.

He also put hinges and a latch on the rear trunk lid so it will open to reveal the now hidden gas filler neck, which previously came through the fixed, bolted down deck lid.

He likes it the way it is, but will he make any more changes to it? That's a question no man should have to answer about his hotrod.



They Aren't Rag Heads

Recently I received a warning about the use of this politically incorrect term, so please note, we all need to be more sensitive in our choice of words. I have been informed the Islamic terrorists, who hate our guts and want to kill us, do not like to be called "Rag Heads" nor "Towel Heads," since the item they wear on their heads is not actually a rag or towel, but in fact, a small folded sheet. Therefore, from this point forward, please refer to them as "Little Sheet Heads." Thank you for your support and compliance on this delicate matter.

Run to Spencer Happens Soon

Several members of the Great Plains Streetrodders club participate in the Annual Micro Mini Nats each year in August, and have always found it enjoyable. Several are planning to participate again this year.

The Old Iron Company's 27th Annual Micro Mini Nats is scheduled for August 12-14 this year. It will again be held at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa. It is an open run for street rods, customs, classics and muscle cars. Planned activities include Saturday night supper, live band and dance Saturday night, a poker run, games for children and adults, Sunday morning breakfast plus free passes to the Arnolds Park amusement park, where the car show is held. Camping will be available at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Pre-registration is \$25 with a deadline of Aug. 10, or register at the fairgrounds 5-9 p.m. Friday or at Arnolds Park 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday for \$30.

For more information contact Barb Nelson at 712-262-2894 or Kelly Polson at 712-262-6177.

Upcoming Events

July 30 Humboldt Fun Days Car Show
Aug. 4-7 36th Street Rod National at Louisville, KY
Aug. 12-14 Old Iron Co. Rod Run at Spencer, IA
Aug. 12-14 Dam Run at Pierre, SD
Aug. 13-14 Pontiac car show and cruise
Aug. 14 Madison Car Show
Aug. 19-20 Ralley To The Valley at Rock Valley, IA
Aug. 21 Arlington Car Show
Aug. 21 Parkersburg (IA) 2nd Annual Show & Shine (pre-registration only)
Aug. 26-28 Kool Deadwood Night
Sept. 2-4 Labor Day Rod run at Sioux Falls
Sept. 9-11 Vintiques Rod run at Watertown, SD
Sept. 16-18 Street Rod National North at Kalamazoo, MI
Sept. 17 Wheel for Charity at Sioux Falls
Sept. 18 Mopar Car Show at Sioux Falls
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

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.



July Birthdays:

Karen Roe – 7/3
Roger Malcomb – 7/10
Betty Jones – 7/17
Roger Van Noort – 7/20
Bones Hanson – 7/21
Deb Jurgens – 7/22
Terry Peterson – 7/25
Barb Buchanan – 7/29

July Anniversaries

Rick & Chris Johnson – 7/28



Many of the residents of the retirement home in Brandon found the cars of the Great Plains Streetrodders to be very interesting. We learned our old cars are full of memories, but nothing was said about what the car owners were full of during our visit there earlier this month.

No, Audrey did not find a new, rich husband. She, along with a couple other members of the Great Plains Streetrodders, stood in line for over 4 hours at the Back to the Fifties in St. Paul last month to meet world famous custom car designer and builder Chip Foose.

August Birthdays:

Henry Buus – 8/3
Brian Lee – 8/7
Darla Goebel – 8/7
Terry Huls – 8/12
Wes Jurgens – 8/12
Judy Ebright – 8/18
Sandy Heither – 8/18
Jean Knowlton – 8/18
Shirley Alby – 8/19
Glenn Walker – 8/20
Karen Putney – 8/25
LaNette Gregersen – 8/27
Gary Remme – 8/28
Tery Koch – 8/28
Jeff Knowlton – 8/29
Mike Tlustos – 8/29
Buckie Schrader – 8/31

August Anniversaries

Harold & Connie Fiferlick – 8/14
Jules & Marilyn Haper – 8/15
Ron & Jackie Heemstra – 8/14
Ron & Karen Roe – 8/23
Mike & Jean Tlustos – 8/7



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 Panal

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

Classified ads

WANTED TO BUY – 1988 Chevrolet pickup truck with 350 and 700R4 transmission in any condition as long as it runs and shifts. Call Doug at 605-529-5716.

FOR SALE – Antique diecast toy 1959 Chevrolet sedan in 1:43 scale, made by Corgi in England in the early 1960s. It is in good condition except for an amateur repaint by some previous owner and displays nice. First \$5 takes it. Call Brian at 605-498-0178.

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.

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 Lightning diecast car. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at bg4given@gmail.com

