



# Cruisin' News

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## Winter Poker Runs?

(the editor's ramblings)

I got one suggestion for a new activity the Great Plains Streetrodders could do. Maybe that means that everyone is happy to do the same things over and over, or maybe they want to try the ideas I suggested last month (nobody complained about them), or maybe we're just not a creative bunch.

Kenny Buchanan suggested we have a poker run in the middle of winter. He was serious, but I couldn't help but poke (pun intended) fun at the idea.

I asked him if he'd volunteer to stand on a street corner in a snow storm to hand out the cards. He said we could have the cards handed out at various Burger Kings or some other businesses. OK, he got out of that one.

If the lead car stopped to pick up a card and all the other cars slid into the back of the one ahead of them, into a single chain-reaction pileup, would they then constitute just one car and thereby be eligible for only one card for everyone? At the end would there be a prize for the car with the most dents? If someone drove their old car in this event, would they receive an award for "having the most guts," or maybe for "being the most nuts."

Actually, in all fairness, Kenny's idea isn't a bad one. A lot of us just like to drive, regardless which vehicle we're in. And I suspect all of the club's members have vehicles they drive in the winter that are equipped with heaters.

Perhaps there are local businesses willing to donate prizes if the card station is in their store, perhaps towards the back, requiring everyone to go through the store and see his/her merchandise in order to get a card.

But maybe people won't want to get out of their cars to walk from their car to the door to the store in the cold. Did somebody say "wimp?" Now there would be an interesting picture: a car pulled up at the store with a couple staring out of the windshield at their friends in the store window holding a deck of cards, staring back, neither willing to go out in the cold. That wouldn't be a Mexican stand-off, it would be a Siberian stand-off.

So, to avoid any Siberian stand-offs, the leadership of our illustrious club has decided to try the winter poker run, but to spread it out over a month so that the cards could be handed out at our weekly cruises. The people know they're getting food at the cruise location, so they'll get out of their car for that.

And it just so happens that November has five Wednesdays in the month, so that the poker run can be contained to just one month, but still allow five cards to be drawn one a week.

For more information on the November Poker Run, check the related article in another area of this newsletter. I don't want to repeat everything that's in it. It would grieve me to no end if someone's hotrod project wasn't completed because the individual lost too much time reading my ramblings.

It is mere coincidence that this event will require participants to attend every cruise in November to get a full hand. While the club's leadership does want to encourage attendance to club activities, they do not want to penalize anyone if they cannot come sometimes. So, if come Nov. 30 you only end up with two or three cards in your hand, know that everyone in the club has great pity for your resulting handicap, but ... c'est la vie!

So, what is the point of all my ramblings this month? If you make suggestions on things you want to see the club doing, as Kenny did, they may result in some action. They may evolve and go someplace you never intended, but that may or may not be a good thing. Regardless, everyone hopes you all have fun in everything you do with the Great Plains Streetrodders. After all, that's the club's goal.

## Malcomb Had a Better Idea

For Roger Malcomb, his 1946 Ford coupe is like one he had as a teenager, only better -- much better.

He had a 1941 Ford coupe in high school. The 1946 has a similar design, but he said he likes the style of the front of the 1946 better. So, when he wanted an old car, he decided he wanted a car with the memories of his high school hotrod, but this time it would be the style he preferred.

Roger was specifically looking for a '46 Ford coupe and found this one "east of Del Rapids in the fall of '86 in a grove of trees."

And it came with a bonus. "It had 22 pairs of engineer boots in the trunk," he said. He has no idea how the car attracted such a collection of old boots.

The body was solid, but the engine and interior were in bad shape, he said.

"I took it home, put it in the garage and tore it all apart," he said.

He bought a mid 1970s Ford Mustang II for the front end and got the rear end out of a 1969 Mustang someone was parting out. A friend helped him install these parts on the coupe. He had a 24-gallon gas tank custom built for the car. He got a 350 c.i. motor from a 1972 Chevy half-ton truck and had it bored .03 over to 355 c.i., then got heads for that motor from another truck. He installed dual four-barrel carburetors, headers and an electronic ignition on the motor and mated it to a TH 350 automatic transmission.

He had Ron's Body Shop do the body work and paint it Toyota red with ghost flames and clear coat.

"I took it home (from the body shop) piece by piece and put it together," Roger said.

He left the bumpers off, because at the time he built it, running without bumpers was "the new look," he said. "I hated the bumper in the back because you were always breaking your leg on it trying to get in the trunk."

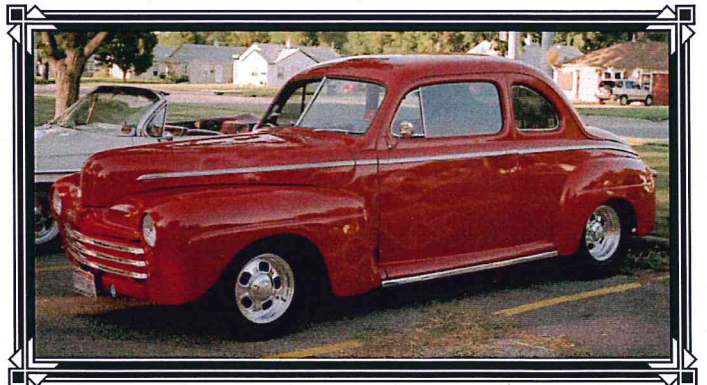
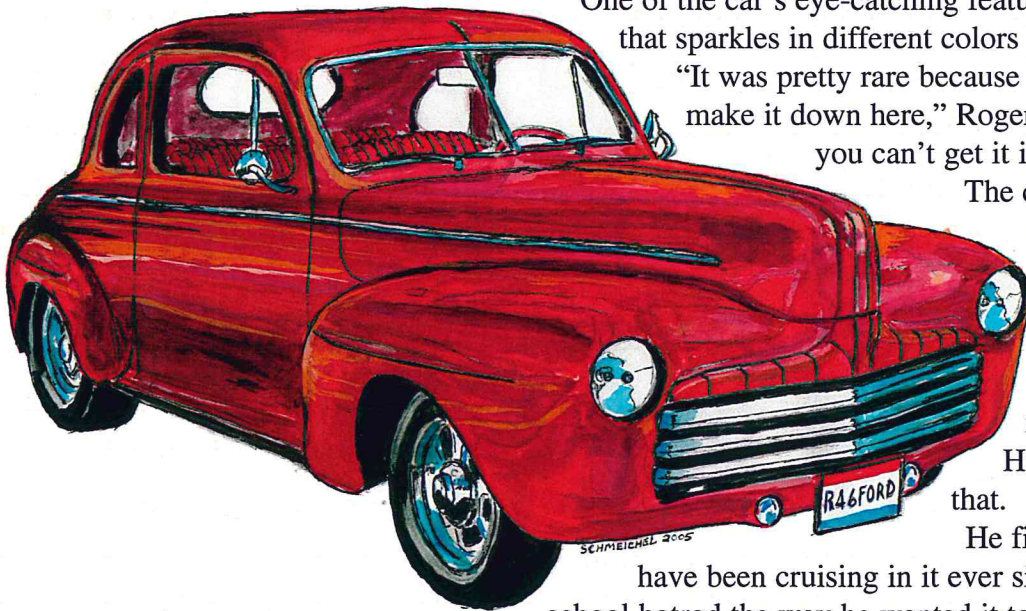
One of the car's eye-catching features is a unique Red Ice window tinting that sparkles in different colors depending on the angle of the sun.

"It was pretty rare because it was made in Canada, they didn't make it down here," Roger said. "They (Canada) outlawed it, so you can't get it in Canada anymore."

The car also features tuck-and-roll interior on the original seats, Frenched headlights, power steering and brakes, air conditioning, power windows, cruise control, car locator, theft alarm, a stereo CD player and tilt column with red leather LeCarra steering wheel.

His original '41 Ford didn't have any of that.

He finished the car in 1989, and he and Jan have been cruising in it ever since. Now he can cruise in his high school hotrod the way he wanted it to be. And the passenger he has in the '46 Ford obviously makes it more of a joy as well, since she wasn't around when he had the '41 Ford.



## *Useless People*

A piece of wisdom from some little-known guru: "Some people are like Slinkys. They're really not good for anything, but they can still bring a smile to your face when you push them down a flight of stairs."

## *A Month Long Poker Run*

The Great Plains Streetrodders will be having a poker run that will take a month to complete. However, in the interest of making a token effort to reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil, the location of each stop will be places that it is hoped club members would be going to anyway.

The locations to draw your cards will be the place of our Wednesday evening cruises, starting with Nov. 2 at My Pizza Pie. Each member attending will draw one card, write down on a sheet of paper what they drew and it will then be initialed. The following week, each member attending the cruise at the Royal Fork will draw a second card and go through the same process again. Since there are five Wednesdays in the month of November, each club member who attends every cruise will end up with five cards in their hand written on their score sheet when they draw their final card Nov. 30. Those who are not able to attend one week will have to hope however many cards they do collect will provide something they can compete with, like maybe a pair of jacks or better.

The locations to receive the cards are the same as listed in this newsletter for the regular weekly cruises. The winning hand will be discovered at C.J. Calloway's.

On Nov. 30, the person with the best hand will receive a prize. Don't forget to bring the sheet of paper listing the cards you have drawn to each cruise. Your score sheet has to be in attendance for you to draw a card, and ultimately to win.

## *Safety Winners Announced*

Two members of the Great Plains Streetrodders are the winners of the 2005 National Street Rod Association (NSRA) Merit Award.

Jerry Huls and Kevin Kappenman were this year's winners. They were chosen by Joe Ceretti, local NSRA representative, following safety inspections of their cars. Ceretti gives out the award to two local people each year.

The Kappenmans have a 1937 Ford slantback, while the Huls have a 1931 Ford Model A coupe.

Safety inspections are done at local car shows by Ceretti, free of charge. In addition, the safety inspections are done the first Saturday in May each year at the Renner Garage for any car 30 years old or older at no cost to the car owner. The inspections at the garage are more extensive, as the car can be put on a lift in the garage.

For further information, contact Ceretti at 321-3786.

## *Upcoming Events*

- 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
- Jan 7** Christmas party at the Renner Legion Hall.

## *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](mailto: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*

Dick Gaddis & Judy...

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

*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

*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 – Chevy engine, 305 or 350 c.i. in running condition. Call Kenny Buchanan at 334-6668 or 376-7264

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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)



## *Wheels for Charity Car Show*

The wheels for Charity Car Show was a success even if it did rain for most of the show. There were 74 cars that were registered. As the rain receded, many more cars filled up the old Randall's parking lot. As you may or may not know, this years car show was free to the participants and spectators. A free lunch was also provided,

courtesy of Hy-Vee on 49th & Louise Ave. WOW, did they serve great prime rib sandwiches or what!!!

This is the car show that the Siouxland Car Council dispenses some of the money raised during the year. Money was donated to the Shrine Transportation Fund, the Salvation Army, the Children's Inn and the Banquet.

Thank you, to all of those that helped support the Wednesday night cruises.

Thank you,  
Brad Goebel  
President - Siouxland Car Council

