



# Cruisin' News

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## *Keeping Those Rods Busy*

(A message from the president)

Last month was busy, what with picnics, grill-outs, graduations and cruising. Well, this month is going to be just as busy, starting with Aliza and Nathan's wedding June 9, lots of car shows, Back to The 50's, and grill-outs every Wednesday night. It's been great to see a lot of new cars this year. Father's Day is June 18. There are no cruises yet as I write this, but by the time I finish this column, we'll probably be planning one.

We've been invited to cruise to Okoboji, Iowa, on July 16 for a potluck dinner. I'd like to get a group of the Great Plains Streetrodders together and cruise over to meet with the Black Knights Car Club. We would leave at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 16, from Cody's on I-90 and N. Cliff. It's a 1 1/2 hour drive to Okoboji. The picnic would be at Templar Park. This would give us the opportunity to meet new car enthusiasts, so if you're interested in going, please call me at 310-4854 or 336-2116. After lunch we'll cruise around West Lake Okoboji and stop at Arnolds Park for some shopping and ice cream.

Let's start a new trend. I'd like to see everyone drive their ride to work on the Friday before Father's Day. This would be a great way to share your car with some of the people you work with, let the people driving by see them, and maybe give you the opportunity to invite someone to our Wednesday night grill-outs. And you get the opportunity to enjoy your ride to and from work

Great Plains has a lot of new members this year, including Jeff & Sandy Christians, Mar & Jan Green, Jim & Julie Hansen, Mike & Sheila Miller, Kent & Terri Reilly, Eric & Pat Anderson, Tom Little, and Tom Olson and his wife. We, as Great Plains Streetrodders, need to make a special effort to meet them and welcome them to the Great Plains Streetrodders.

Well, guess what the cruise committee has come up with -- a cruise to Dell Rapids on June 18, Father's Day. We will be leaving from Cody's on N. Cliff at 3:30 p.m., and cruise to the Dell's Theater to watch "Cars". Previews make this movie appear to be a winner. We'll have dinner after the movie at the brand new Pizza Ranch there in Dells. For further info, please call Kevin at 310-4854 (cell) or 336-2116. See you on the road!





## *Another Youthfulness Relived, Only Faster*

Denny Heidebrink really wanted the 1951 Oldsmobile that was owned by a man with whom he worked.

It's a '51 Olds 88A, differentiated from the 88 in that it used some of the styling cues of the 1950 Olds 88, apparently to use up a parts inventory, while the '51 88 had different trim.

"I wanted it pretty bad, because I had one as a kid," Denny said. "There were a lot of them around when we were kids."

However, he noted that you seldom see them now.

The Oldsmobile 88 of the early 1950s featured the "Rocket" V-8 motor, and Denny remembers they won a lot of races back then. It is often referred to as a factory hot rod.

This particular car came from the West River area, but was purchased by someone in Denver before being purchased again and brought back to South Dakota by Roy Dyce, with whom Denny worked. Denny acquired it after Dyce died, purchasing it from his widow. Although the car had only 47,000 actual miles on it, somewhere during previous ownerships the engine was left exposed to the elements and became ruined.

"When I got it, it didn't have an engine. I bought a wrecked '96 Camaro and used that engine and drive train," Denny related.

He took the body off the frame and had all of the chrome rechromed, polishing the stainless steel himself. And it has a lot of chrome and stainless trim, plus some brass trim. Denny says the trim is "nifty" with the large world globe ornaments. He also noted that the chromed headlight trim pieces are solid brass underneath the chrome, likely due to some post-war metal shortage during production. The car also features a factory sun visor.

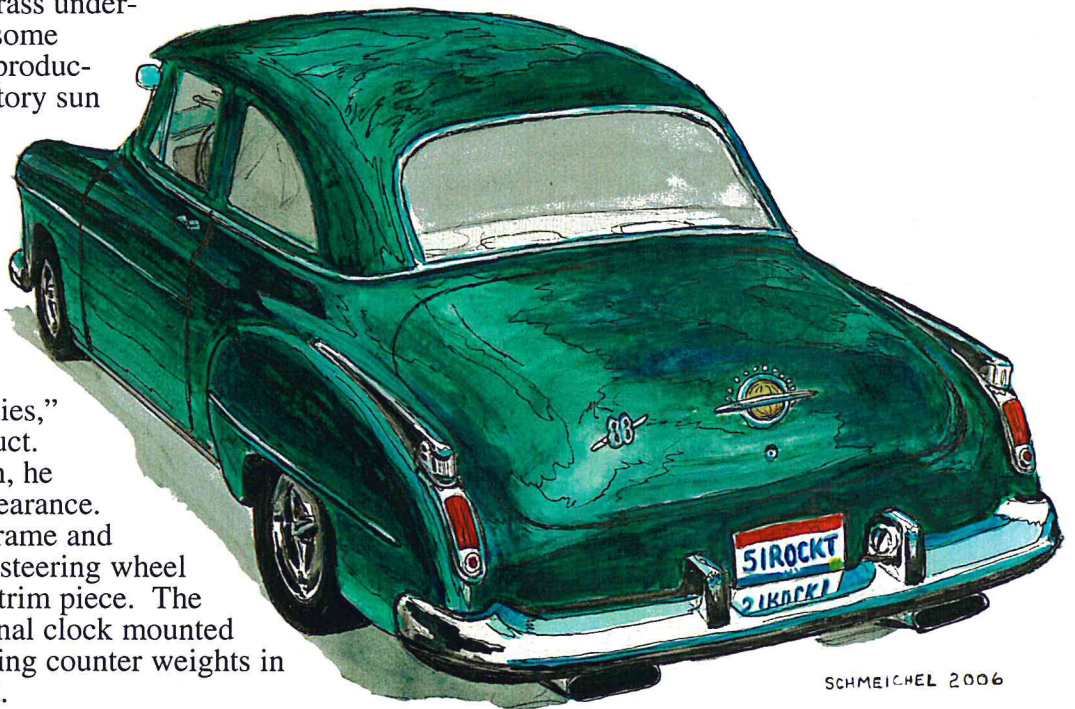
He helped with the painting and had Sewing Pros do the remarkable interior for him. The green color comes from a late model Chevrolet offering, but he noted that Oldsmobile had a very similar color in the early 1950s.

"It's gotten a lot of trophies," Denny said of the finished product.

Other than the drive train, he kept the car mostly stock in appearance. Even with the modern GM subframe and front end, Denny kept the stock steering wheel with its additional world globe trim piece. The steering wheel also has an optional clock mounted on it, which is rewound by floating counter weights in it as the steering wheel is turned.

And while he enjoys the power and modern features of the 1996 drivetrain, he said if he had to do the car all over again, he would find an original 1951 "Rocket" engine for it to make the car completely like his original '51 Olds.

Denny and Betty also own a 1940 Chevy street rod, and often when they go to car shows, he'll drive the Chevy while Betty takes the Oldsmobile. However, he said he likes the Olds better because of the memories it brings back of the one he had as a youth.







## June Birthdays

Ruby Johnson-6/12  
Grace Lee-6/13  
Brad Goebel-6/16  
Dale Bruining-6/20  
Mike Paulson-6/20  
Denny Heidebrink -6/22  
Jim Christensen-6/25

## June Anniversaries

Brian & Grace Lee-6/4  
Mike & Lori Paulson-6/4  
Ron & Lyn Hammerschmidt-6/10  
Clay & Susan Seachris-6/10  
Dale & Pat Bruining-6/19

## July Birthdays:

Pat Bruining-7/3  
Karen Roe - 7/3  
Jan Malcomb - 7/10  
Nancy Snyder-7/15  
Betty Jones - 7/17  
Marilyn Meyers-7/18  
Roger Van Noort - 7/20  
Bones Hanson - 7/21  
Deb Jurgens - 7/22  
Kirk Lee-7/23  
Terry Peterson - 7/25  
Barb Buchanan - 7/29  
Gary Bockorny-7/30

## July Anniversaries

Jim & Julie Hansen- 7/2  
Rick & Chris Johnson - 7/28

## Learn How To Do It

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my word! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful .. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You

NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. THE SALT! USE THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

## Don't Miss Automania

Are you ready for the biggest car show in South Dakota? Automania will be held June 21 in downtown Sioux Falls on Phillips to the Falls.

This car show, which drew hundreds of muscle, classic, import, sports, antique and hotrod cars as well as many motorcycles last year, will be held 5 - 11 p.m. and will again feature live entertainment. The bands scheduled to play include Abbey Road and DNR. In addition, famed car customizer Chip Foose from California will be participating. This year's event is planned to cover 16 blocks.

Upon arrival for the show, participants are being asked to enter the show area via 13th Street. They will then be directed down Phillips Street to begin filling the area from one end to the other, in hopes of reducing the congestion and confusion experienced last year when people were choosing different areas to park. Those who want to park with a group need to arrive with that group.

You can still preregister by contacting Main Street of Sioux Falls at 605-338-4009, AutoBuy at 888-348-7555 or email [daniel@dtsf.com](mailto:daniel@dtsf.com). Or you can register at the show. There is no cost to enter a vehicle.

You don't want to miss this one.

## Classified ads

FOR SALE - 1946 Chevy 1 Ton Truck, all chrome is very nice, was ex-city truck, runs but clutch won't disengage. \$700.00. Call Ric Anderson at 712-336-4498, Spirit Lake, IA.

FOR SALE - 1931 Ford "tub" car with 4-cylinder motor, hydraulic brakes and miscellaneous extra parts. \$5,500. Call 271-1784.

FOR SALE -- 1947 Ford 5 Passenger Coupe. Ford 302 with B&W 144 Powercharger, C-4 Automatic, Ford 9" with Richmond 3:55 gears, Mustang II Front-end, P.S., P.B., A/C & Heat, Super-trap Exhaust, V.D.O. Gauges and much more. Dependable street rod that moves out very rapidly. Tight and rattle free; along with a nice smooth ride. \$23,500.00 or best offer. Call Bill Kullander at 371-3535.

FOR SALE - 1970 Monte Carlo, ivory white, mechanically excellent, interior and body needs restoration. 350/350 automatic. May sell the street and strip engine with dart heads separate since it was originally built to go in another rod. Total package \$3,600. Call Eugene (712) 338-9036.

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

WANTED - BB Chevy intake 4-barrel Ovalport. Call Bob Schriever at 361-6557.

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 that classified ads were included in the newsletter, they worked. Brian Lee sold a Johnny Lightening diecast car. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

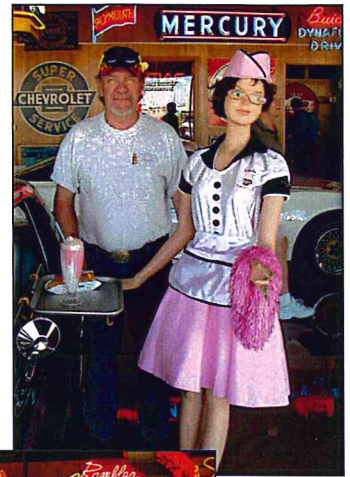






## Upcoming Cruises & Events

- June 17 – Teapot Days Car Show in Tea  
June 18 – Cars In The Park Car Show, Mitchell, SD (605-770-7080)  
June 21 – Automania Car Show (downtown Sioux Falls)  
June 23-25 – Back To The '50s, St. Paul, MN  
June 24 – Pipestone Watertower Festival Car Show, Pipestone, MN (preregistration only)  
June 25 – Blast From The Past Car Show, Del Rapids, SD  
June 28 – Cruise to Handyman  
June 30-July 2 – Goodguys Heartland Nationals, Des Moines, IA  
July 1 – Baltic Car Show 605-529-5550  
July 2 – Sioux Empire Fair Car Show in Sioux Falls  
July 3-4 – Lennox Car Show & Cruise 605-361-6097  
July 5 – Downtown Sioux Falls, parking lot behind Skelly's  
July 7-9 – Black Hills Rod Run, Hill City, SD  
July 9 - Norm Fey Cruise in Edgerton, MN  
July 16 – Special Olympics Car Show in Sioux Falls' Nelson Park  
July 19 – Cruise to Larchwood, IA, Gerry Phillips & Jim Christensen  
July 26 – Cruise to Executive Touch/Subaru  
July 28-30 – Americruise in Lincoln, NE 877-413-6515  
July 29-30 – Canton, SD, Car Show  
Aug. 2 – Downtown Sioux Falls, parking lot behind Skelly's  
Aug. 3-6 – Streetrod Nationals, Louisville, KY  
Aug. 9 – Cruise to Marty's Upholstery in Del Rapids  
Aug. 11-13 – Old Iron Company's Spencer Rod Run  
Aug. 13 – 13th Annual Madison Car Show at the Prairie Village  
Aug. 19 – All Car Poker Run in Sioux Falls  
Aug. 20 – All GM Car Show, Pontiac, Cadillac, Saturn, Hummer of Sioux Falls  
Aug. 23 – Cruise to Bethany Meadows in Brandon  
Aug. 25-27 – Kool Deadwood Nights, Deadwood, SD  
Aug. 30 – Pot-luck Dinner at Sertoma Park  
Sept. 1-3 – Labor Day Rod Run in Sioux Falls 941-0381  
Sept. 1-3 – Goodguys Mid-Western Nationals in Kansas City, KS  
Sept. 6 – Downtown Sioux Falls, parking lot behind Skelly's  
Sept. 8-10 – Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown, Sd, 605-822-2956  
Sept. 16 – Wheels For Charity Car Show in Sioux Falls 332-1881  
Sept. 17 – Mopar Car Show in Sioux Falls  
Sept. 22-24 – Outkast Cruise-in & Hotrod Show in Mitchell, SD  
Sept. 24 – Cruise to Midway in Volga, SD  
Sept. 27 – Cruise to Midwest Golf & Trailer Supply in Tea  
Oct. 4 – Downtown Sioux Falls, parking lot behind Skelly's  
Oct. 18 – Tailgators in Brandon  
Oct. 27-29 – Wild About Wheels Car & Bike Show, Sioux City Downtown ConventionCenter (712-239-6199)



## 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.



