



# Cruisin' News

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## *May brings spring flowers, but it also brings cruise season*

(a message from your president, Kevin Kappenman)

We started the cruise season off at Dario's. We had a great turn out, a great group of cars, and lots of catching up with some of the members that have been gone for the winter and some that were hibernating. It was great to see all the cars out again.

Look out everyone Judy Edbright is back. I know she is feeling better because she has started picking on me and keeping my color copy of the news letter. Judy, keep up the good work on your recovery.

Congratulations again to Bob & Barb on their 50th wedding anniversary. We had a great time visiting with a lot of their family and friends and eating good food with a pig on the grill. Thanks for sharing your day with us.

On April 26 the Great Plains Streetrodders, with help from Mike & Renee Jones, presented a special plaque to Junie Herschberger. It had a picture of Phil & Junie at the Good Guy's event in Kansas City. Ike & Doreen Wiese were there to take the picture. We framed this for Junie and gave her permanent membership to the Great Plains Streetrodders. Renee thanked everyone for Junie. If any of you has some extra time, give Junie a call or stop for a visit.

On May 7 Great Plains Streetrodders assembled at the Shopko parking lot and left for our first cruise of the season. We went to the Ice Cream Capital of the world in Lemars, IA. There were fifteen cars. We had two new member couples go with us, Jim & Julie Hansen from Sioux Falls and Eric & Pat Anderson from Spirit Lake, IA. Eric & Pat joined us in Rock Rapids. We had donuts & coffee and then cruised down Hwy 75 to Bob's Drive Inn and had a light lunch. We toured the Wells Blue Bunny Dairy & Ice Cream Parlor, took a few pictures, and then cruised up Hwy 60 through some construction. After we made our own road, we stopped in Orange City and toured the parking lot by playing ring around the rosy (ask Roger Malcomb). Then we took the time to smell the flowers. We left there about 4:15, and cruised up Hwy 75 & 18 to Canton for dinner at Pizza Ranch. A good time was had by all. Check out the pictures and don't be left out on the next one. Thanks to the cruise committee, we had a great time.

We have a lot of things coming up: May 13 is Rocking 50s at the Shrine. Great Plains grill out will be at Sherman Park on May 17. We will need some help serving the meal. Anyone that can help will be greatly appreciated. May 20 is Black Top Fever Poker Run, starting at HyVee on 49th and Louise. ABS grill out is on the 24th of May, and the VA grill out will be on the 31st May.



## Results Of A Search For A Convertible

Ron and Karen Roe decided they wanted a convertible. What they ended up with was a big project that turned into one beautiful mild-custom of a 1961 Chevy Impala convertible.

"It was a project car that a guy got discouraged on," Ron relates.

When he bought it in 1996, it came with some good parts. But it also came with a lot of rust in the floors, quarter panels and many other places.

As long as he was going to do body work on the car, Ron put his own taste into it. He shaved off the gun-site ornaments that were on top of the fenders, as well as the letters that had spelled Chevrolet on the hood. He finished it with a shade of yellow that was used on Corvettes in 1968.

"We saw a car at Back To The 50s (in that color) and liked it," he said. "Karen and I both like that color, and we both liked maroon for the interior. It was her idea to put the exterior color (piping) around the seats."

To power his open-air ride, Ron purchased a Chevy 383 from a machine shop, stroked it and put in a hotter cam and heads.

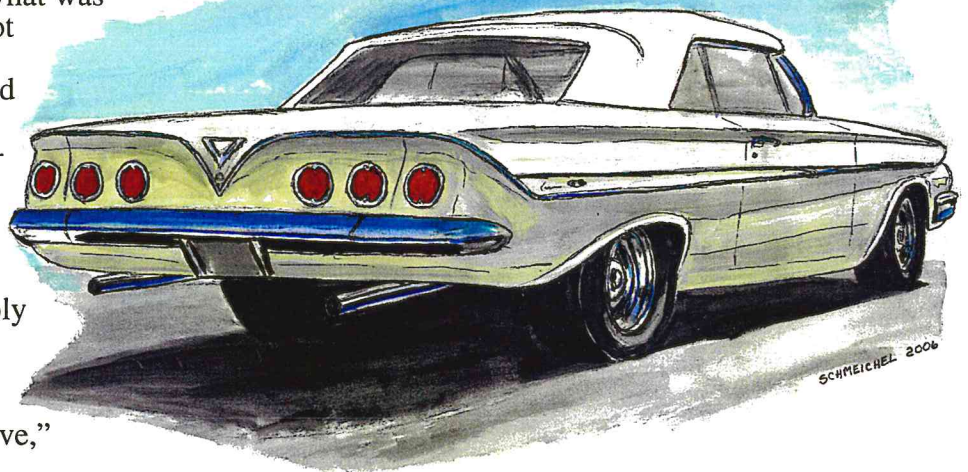
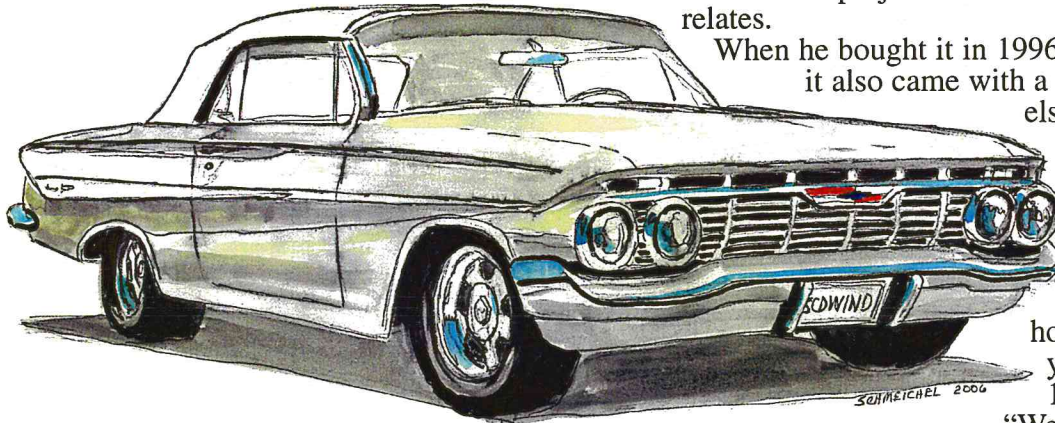
Ron also installed power disk brakes, 605 power steering and air conditioning. It also features air shocks, a 700R4 automatic transmission and a CD player.

"It took six years getting it on the road," Ron said.

While bringing this ragtop back to life was a big project, all the hard work didn't just surround the car itself. Ron had trouble getting the title from the person he bought it from. That person hadn't titled it in his name, so Ron had to do a title search and convince the person who last had it titled to sign the title over to him. It turned out that person was Bill Rook, who had been killed in a stock car racing accident. Since the last registered owner was deceased, Ron had to have the county send out a registered letter, so that when the letter came back undeliverable, he could claim the car. But the registered letter was forwarded to the deceased owner's sister, who signed for the letter and called Ron to find out what was going on. However, the county would not accept anything from a relative of the deceased, not even the widow, so Ron had to start over again and instruct the deceased's family to reject the next registered letter. Once that happened, Ron was finally able to obtain the car's title from the county.

Ron and Karen also have a 1940 Ford two-door sedan. While they probably are seen more often in their convertible, Ron will not say he favors it over the Ford.

"I think the '40 is more fun to drive," he confessed.





## May Birthdays

Cheryl VanNoort-5/5  
Bob Thoen-5/11  
Ron Heemstra-5/23  
Jerry Phillips-5/24  
Audrey Jorgenson-5/27  
Roxie Ebright-5/28  
Virgene Schrader-5/29

## May Anniversaries

Brad & Darla Goebel-5/4  
Dale & Sandy Heither-5/7  
Ken & Barb Buchanan-5/27

## 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

## 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.



Larry Olson Hosted a Wednesday Evening Grill-Out.  
Photo by Clay Seachris

## The Punishment

Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call.

The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-year-old girl, to hold a flashlight high over her Mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Kathleen did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed, and after a little while Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-year old what she thought about what she had just witnessed.

Kathleen quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in first place, smack him again."

## It's Not Just A Cup of Tea

The city of Tea will be celebrating it's centennial this year, and part of that celebration will be a car and motorcycle show.

The 5th annual Tearin Around In Tea Teapot Days Car Show and Motorcycle Show will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 17, with registration beginning at 10 a.m. The location will be along Brian Street in Tea. A parade that morning will run through the middle of town on Main Street, ending at Brian Street. Anyone interested in driving their car in the preceding parade is asked to contact the Tea Fire Department.

Those who register in advance will pay \$12, while registration the day of the show will cost \$15. Entrants will receive a free T-shirt while supplies last, plus drawings will be held for entrants to win door prizes. A drawing from among the participants will also be held to determine the winner of a \$100 cash prize. Trophies and plaques will be awarded for the top three places in 16 classes for cars and trucks in addition to three more classes for motorcycles.

There will also be a craft show in the park off Brian Street, a tractor pull for children at the city pool off Brian Street, "Cow Pie Bingo" in the city park off Brian Street and other events in the area.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Tom or Susan Benney at 498-5702. Or, visit the event's web site at [www.teapotdays.com](http://www.teapotdays.com) for additional information.

## Classified ads

FOR SALE – 1992 Chevy S-10 pickup sub-frame; disc brakes, manual steering with tires and wheels, \$40 OBO. Call Jules at 361-1127 or Charlie at 336-3942.

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.

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

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.

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 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)

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 Eric Anderson at 712-336-4498, Spirit Lake, IA.

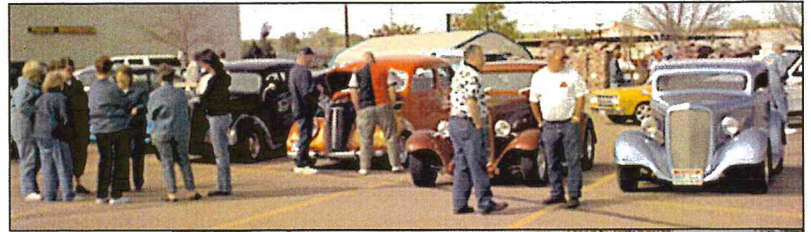




## Upcoming Cruises & Events

- May 17 -- Grill out by our club at Sherman Park.  
 May 20 -- Black Top Fever Poker Run; Start at HyVee, 49th and Louise  
 May 20 - 21 -- NSRA Spring Camp Out, Garden City, MN.  
 May 21 -- Siem's Tire & Service Show & Shine, W. 50th St., Sioux Falls  
 May 24 -- ABS car show  
 May 26-28 -- MidAmerican Street Rod Nationals, Springfield, MO 507-763-5771  
 May 27 -- Classic Car Show at Spomer Classics Museum of Automobile Memorabilia, Worthington, MN  
 May 27 - 28 -- Chop-it Fest  
 May 31 -- VA sponsored by Corky's Radiator  
 June 2-3 -- Run To The River, Chamberlain, SD 605-734-6404  
 June 3 -- Harrisburg Car Show  
 June 3-4 -- Buffalo Days Cruise & Car Show, Luverne, MN  
 June 7 -- downtown Sioux Falls, parking lot behind Skelly's Pub  
 June 9-18 -- All Car Rally in the Black Hills (www.bhoverdrive.com)  
 June 10 -- Hill Poker Run, Hills, MN  
 June 10-11 -- Brookings Car Festival 605-690-3307  
 June 11 -- Ford Car Show, Sioux Falls Ford dealership  
 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 16 -- Special Olympics Car Show in Sioux Falls' Nelson Park  
 July 16 -- Norm Fey Cruise in Edgerton, MN  
 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 Convention Center (712-239-6199)

## - Cruise Photos -



## Great Plains Cruise to Royal River Casino

Cruise on you own or with a small group

**May 26th • 5:30p.m.**

Dinner - BJ's Steakhouse 114 W. Wind St. (next to Pizza Ranch Downtown Flandreau)

RSVP to Lori - Ph. 351-0416 for dinner reservations)

**7:00** Rumbles, Diamonds & Something New at Royal River Casino

\$10.00 advanced • \$15.00 day of show • Call Gift Shop for tickets • 1-800-833-8666

