



Cruisin' News

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Seeing the Year-Round Christmas Gifts

Christmas is a time of sharing and no one knows more about giving than the Great Plains Streetrodders. We give all year long for this time of the year, just so that we as a group of car enthusiasts can share our love for the children of Sioux Falls by being able to give them a Christmas of a lifetime.

There are a lot of families that count on organizations like the Great Plains Streetrodders. I'm very thankful to be a member of organizations that has the opportunity to share what we have with children of less fortunate circumstances.

A special thanks to all the individuals that gave the gift of money and people and businessmen that hosted a grillout this summer, and the individuals that gave their time to help us; this has given us the opportunity to give to these organizations that help children. By doing these good deeds, these children will be able to have a wonderful Christmas that they will be able to share with their families. By receiving these gifts, this will help them to do their best in school and graduate. As you know, when your child is successful, there is no greater joy in life.

So, by your generosity, this will give these children a better chance in life and just maybe they will be able to do this for someone else. So as we move forward to a new year, cherish the time we have with our families and friends. So when you give them hugs, smiles, and warm wishes, make it from the heart.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kevin Kappenman

Celebrate Christmas as a Club

The first Saturday of the new year is going to be party time for the Great Plains Streetrodders!

Our club's Christmas party will begin at 5:00 p.m. Jan. 6 at the American Legion building in Renner.

All members of the club are encouraged to come and participate in the festivities. Dinner will be served, providing everyone brings a dish to pass. And there will be gifts to pass out, providing everyone brings a gift to exchange. The gift should be of about \$10 in value.

Arriving in your street-rod will be up to each individual, although nobody is expected to be that dedicated to our hobby.

Members who use tobacco products are asked to smoke outdoors during the party to help other members with allergy problems to breathe easier. While club president Kevin Kappenman acknowledges that some members need to smoke, he expressed concern that others with allergies have difficulty breathing as their sinus passages swell shut when in a room with too much smoke, and he wants everyone to enjoy the Christmas party.

It's Just Part of the Family

Some members of the family get a little uglier as time passes. But with a little extra attention, Mike and Lori Paulson enabled a member of their family to look even better than when in its prime.

They've had the 1965 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible they've been cruising around in this past summer since 1980, even though it wasn't seen at cruising events until this year. It used to belong to Mike's brother Dave, and they acquired it when Dave Paulson passed away.

"I had some work done to it and didn't like the way it turned out and parked it," Mike explained. "Then I started getting serious working on it three or four years ago."

And serious he was, doing a complete, body-off restoration. There wasn't a part on the car that Mike didn't handle.

While he went for a back-to-stock restoration, he also wanted the car the way he would have ordered it new, so he did add a lot of features to what was originally a very Plain Jane, low-optioned car. But the parts he did add were parts that were available when the car was new, having picked up power disc brakes, power steering and other items off other GM cars of that era in salvage yards.

"I tried to update it, but I tried to keep it so it looked pretty much stock," he said. But as a member of the Great Plains Streetrodders, he also has some street-rodding blood in him, which is evident in the car. "I tried to go with the old school look, with Corvette valve covers."

The original 327 V-8 engine was retained, but he built it to look and act like the 327 that came in 1965 Corvettes, and he installed a Positrac rear-end. The original stock two-barrel carburetor was replaced with a more aggressive four-barrel unit. But to make the car easy and economical to drive, he replaced the Powerglide transmission with a more recent overdrive automatic transmission.

When asked about the bright yellow color, he said he chose that because his brother had intended to paint the car yellow. It was originally white with a white convertible top. He picked the shade from a Dupont chip catalogue. Some might wonder if maybe he bought too much paint and tried to use it up, but he had a purpose there, too.

It wasn't that he or Lori were too enamored with the color, but he wanted to use it to change some things he didn't like about the original car and provide a custom, street-rod

look while keeping the car basically stock. He didn't like the black plastic dash, nor the plastic chrome trim in the interior, so he replaced all that with the car's exterior color. Under the hood, he didn't think the Chevrolet orange engine-block color would go well with the yellow and didn't like the inner fender wells being black, so he painted them yellow, too. The end result is a custom look to an otherwise stock car.

For a sound system, he went with an AM-FM radio with cassette player. He didn't go with a CD player because he wanted a stereo that would fit in the original location without having to cut the original dash. And music was not a high priority in this car.

"The thing I've noticed with convertibles is it doesn't pay to put a lot of money into a stereo system because you have all the wind noise," he noted.

He is very pleased with the outcome of their Chevelle. It is not only a keeper, but a member of the family. He said he hopes when he is gone it will continue to be passed down in the family.



December Birthdays

Connie Fiferlick-12/01
Ron Hammerschmidt-12/02
Marlo Jones-12/07
Gary Ebright-12/11
Cathy Walker-12/13
Barb Schriever-12/17

December Anniversaries

Glenn & Cathy Walker-12/19
Jim & Mary Jo Christensen-12/30
Gary & Judy Ebright-12/31
Fred & Nancy Snyder-12/31

January Birthdays

Ike Wiese-1/5
Bob Schriever-1/8
Jean Tlustos-1/10
Michelle Lee-1/14
Randy Ludwig-1/16
Doreen -1/21
Marilyn Haper-1/24
Mary Thoen-1/27

January Anniversaries

Allen & Shirley Alby-1-20
Bob & Mary Thoen-1/23

A special thank you

goes out to the Great Plains Streetrodders for the beautiful plant, cards, thoughts and prayers at the loss of our brother/brother-in-law, Radney Park. May you have the gift of faith, blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.
Mike & Lori Paulson

Lazy Hotrodders

The presence of hotrods and streetrods has dwindled as we entered the winter months, but it became obvious some owners come from a hardier stock than others.

At the cruise just before Thanksgiving, three hotrods were reported seen in the parking lot of My Pizza Pie. They included the Cobras of Terry Koch and Rich Barnes and the '51 Chevy sedan delivery of Brian Lee.

OK, it was a mild Thanksgiving, weather-wise. But as the sun set, and it does that quickly during this time of year, the temperatures plummeted quickly. Terry and Rich should be given credit for loving the hobby enough to brave the cool nights in their open-top cars.

Classified ads

FOR SALE -- 2005 DCT car trailer (Dressen Custom Trailer), includes 2 chains and 2 chain binders. It is model # C18-BT which is an 18 ft (16' flat & 2' beavertail) auto hauler, dual 3500 lb. axles, with a beaver tail and self-storing ramps. I bought in June '05 and have only used this trailer about 5 times. \$1,600. Call daytime 605-366-2235 or evenings at 605-336-0273.

FOR SALE – 1971 “402” Chevy big block, apart for inspection in boxes, 427 steel crank machine work done on crank, TRW 11 to 1 427 pistons, new chrome valve covers and air cleaner, other miscellaneous parts. Contact Bob at 361-1932.

FOR SALE – 1963 Corvette rear end. Make a reasonable offer. Call Fred Snyder at 605-359-0423 or 605-275-0460.

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



Upcoming Cruises & Events

Dec. 13 – Keg, E. 26th St.
Dec. 20 – Cracker Barrel
Dec. 27 -- Dareo's
Jan. 3 -- Ruby Tuesdays (East 10th)
Jan. 6 – Christmas party
Jan. 10 -- Ming Wah
Jan. 17 -- Brandon Pizza Ranch
Jan. 24 -- Coyote Canyon
Jan. 31 -- Uncle Angelo's (not confirmed)
Feb 7 – Skelly's
Feb. 14 -- Brandon Steak House (Valentines Day)
Feb. 21 -- Roll'n Pin
Feb. 28 -- Valentinos

Hobo Stew

The Shrine Classic Autos again will be hosting their annual Hobo Stew supper. The event will be held at the Shrine Center at 4:30pm on January 28, 2007.

Please bring one can of food to add to the vegetable soup.

All guests welcome. Bring a friend or two!

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.



