



Cruisin' News

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We Should Be Thankful

By Brian Lee

If ever there was a group that should be thankful at Thanksgiving, it has to be the Great Plains Streetrodders.

Think about the original Pilgrims of Thanksgiving lore, who had very little to eat as they traveled for months on those rickety boats, and then almost starved as they tried to make a decent place to live in a strange land. (And with Ted Kennedy getting re-elected from that area all the time, it's an even stranger land today, but that's another story.)

And then the president credited for starting the Thanksgiving tradition, George Washington, is famous for leading a starving army through a New England winter.

In comparison, the Great Plains Streetrodders eat very well every Wednesday. And most of us look like we eat well every other day of the week, too. I'm sure restaurant owners love to see us coming.

But it isn't just the area of food where we enjoy great abundance.

Since this is a column in a car club newsletter, it can't continue without some mention of great cars.

So, consider the rides we have -- really unique-looking machines that go fast and look good doing it.

Those poor Pilgrims, it took them months to cross the Atlantic Ocean, while we measure the number of miles we can go in an hour! Or in some cases, how few seconds it takes to get down half of a mile. Yep, our cars are old, just like the Pilgrims probably had to use old boats, but our rides are old by choice.

And some of us have three, or four or more rides!

Poor George Washington, as he led that revolution army, he only had one horse, and based on all the artists' renditions (none of those guys could even afford a Kodak Instamatic [remember them?] back then), it was the only horse in the whole army! I've never read anywhere whether it was a fast horse or not, but it's still only one horse while we each cruise in a machine that measures it horses in the hundreds!

OK, so the Pilgrims did have three ships, not just one. But that was for a whole group of people. That would be like our entire club having to share three street-rods. Or worse yet, all of us having to ride crammed together in Jim and Bones' old bus!

Yes, there's no question, we all have much for which to be thankful. So this Thanksgiving, as your family gathers together and bows their heads before the golden turkey, don't forget to give thanks for your Chevys and Fords and blowers and fuel injection and each of the custom little details of your ride, and so on. God has been very good to us and deserves some thanks.

Your family may think you're nuts, but if they say anything, tell them about what the Pilgrims and George Washington rode.

(Editor's Note — no responsibility is accepted for any historical inaccuracies within the opinions expressed in this column.)

He Likes It's Popularity

Nobody had any doubt that Bob Schriever likes hotrods and streetrods. He's built enough of them.

"It's been my hobby all my life," he says. "I've built so many of them, it's pretty much second nature."

He and Barb currently run around in a 1932 Ford Model A 3-window coupe. He purchased it in 2001 as a kit, built a frame for it and continued from there.

"I made the hood, that's all I did to it," he said modestly.

Having grown up around hotrods, he said he chose this model because it was one of the more popular models during the heyday of hotrods. To Bob, the 1932 Ford Model A coupe is the primary definition of a hotrod. It is the classic hotrod.

Some of his previous rides include a 1932 Ford sedan, a Model A roadster pickup truck and another '32 Ford Model A coupe. Do you see the pattern here?

He said he chose his current hotrod because of the popularity of the three-window coupes as "the ultimate" hotrod. But then, with Bob's experience and skills, how else could it turn out?

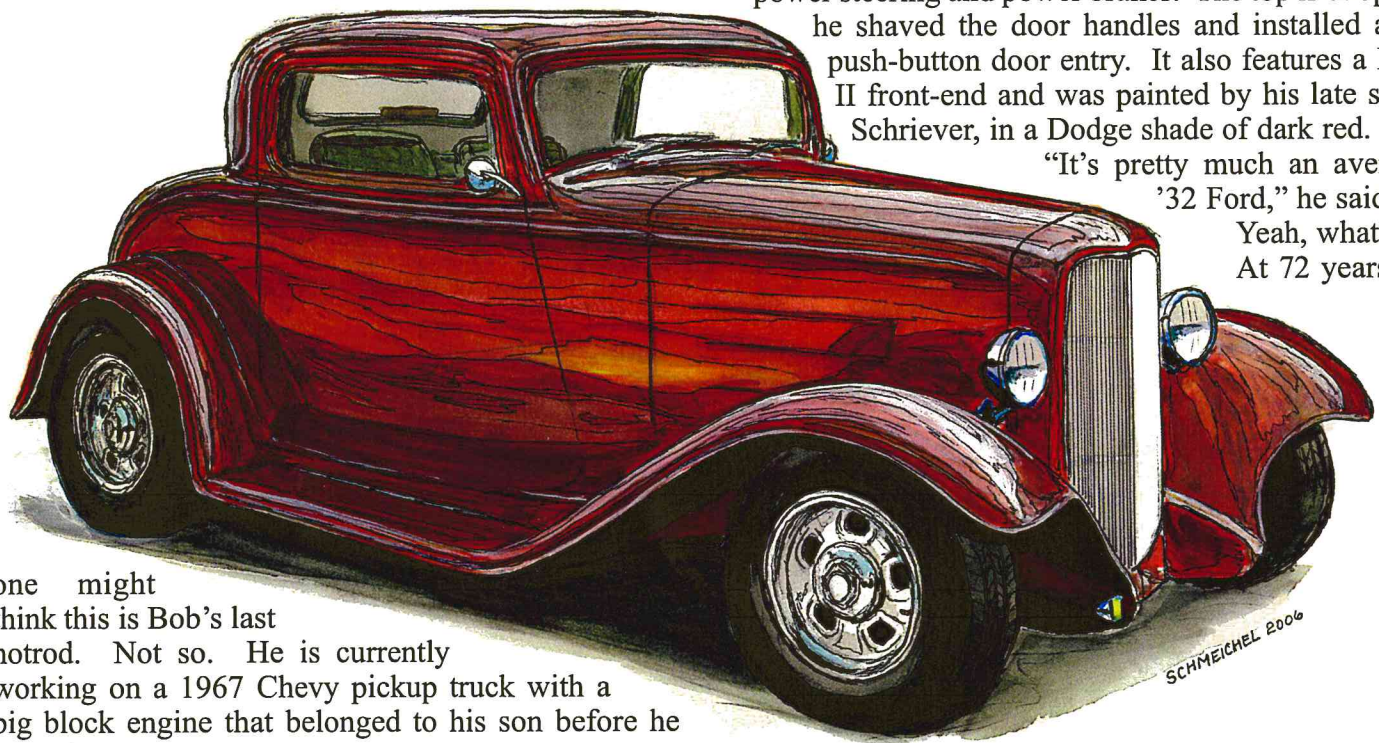
He noted it has the suicide-style doors that were exclusive to the coupes.

Powered by a stock Chevy 350 with fuel injection Z-28 motor linked to an automatic transmission with over-drive and an 8-inch Ford rear end it has custom Weld wheels, air conditioning and heater, stereo, electric windows, power steering and power brakes. The top is chopped and he shaved the door handles and installed a hidden push-button door entry. It also features a Mustang II front-end and was painted by his late son, Tom Schriever, in a Dodge shade of dark red.

"It's pretty much an average old '32 Ford," he said.

Yeah, whatever.

At 72 years of age,



one might think this is Bob's last hotrod. Not so. He is currently working on a 1967 Chevy pickup truck with a big block engine that belonged to his son before he passed away.

"I wanted to move on to something different," he said. "I usually keep them quite a while. I like building them."

He said he gets his satisfaction from "taking a pile of stuff and making something out of it." And compared to an original 1932 Ford Model A, his is really something.



Check your turkey before cooking

One year at Thanksgiving, Lucille went to her daughter's house for the traditional feast.

Knowing how gullible Donna is, her mom decided to play a trick. She told Donna that she needed something from the store. When Donna had left, Lucille took the turkey out of the oven. She removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, inserted it into the turkey, and re-stuffed the turkey. She then placed the bird(s) back in the oven.

When it was time for dinner, Donna pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird.

With a look of total shock on her face, Lucille exclaimed, "Donna, you cooked a pregnant bird!"

At the reality of this horrifying news, Donna started to cry.

It took the family two hours to calm Donna and convince her that turkeys lay eggs!

Yep ... Donna is blonde!

Do you get it?

There is a move afoot to try emailing the Cruisin' News newsletter of the Great Plains Streetrodders to the club's members.

The newsletter was emailed to members when it first came out, but there were complaints from some people that they weren't getting it. It has since been printed and handed out at the Wednesday cruises.

It was discussed last winter about mailing it out to members using the U.S. Postal Service, and there appeared to be a consensus enough at that time to draw interest

in raising the dues by \$5 a year to pay for that expense.

However, at the end of October it was discussed again, and the majority appeared to be leaning back to trying the email route again rather than incur the postal expense. It was suggested that as the member list is updated there may be better success in emailing it.

In addition, the possibility of developing a club website is to be investigated. With a club website, the newsletter could be made available on the website.

Upcoming Cruises & Events

- Nov. 15 – Champ's
- Nov. 22 – My Pizza Pie
- Nov. 29 – Shenanigan's
- Dec. 6 – China Star
- Dec. 13 – Keg, E. 26th St.
- Dec. 20 – Cracker Barrel
- Dec. 27 -- Dareo's
- Jan. 6 – Christmas party



STORAGE SPACE – Don Jensen reportedly bought this place for future storage, and some of the Great Plains Streetrodders stopped by to scope it out, maybe wanting to store their cars there this winter. Yeah, it needs a little work, but the rumor is Don has plans that will make this location in Montrose look brand new.



SODA ANYONE? -- The Great Plains Streetrodders recently took a cruise to check out the vintage soda fountain at Freeman, SD. Where's your soda, Judy?



November Birthdays

Dean Gough Sr.-11/11
Dwight Johnson-11/28
Deanna Ludwig-11/01
Max Putney-11/20
Clay Seachris-11/02
Susan Seachris-11/01
Bernie Tyrrell-11/28
Jeff Christians- 11/5

November Anniversaries

Dennis & Betty Heidebrink –
11/16
Gerry & Leanne Phillips-11/30

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

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.

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 – 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 – 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

