



# Cruisin' News

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## *Don't Stop Cruising Now!*

By Brian Lee

Kevin Kappenman, our club president, asked me to write a few thoughts for the newsletter as he has been busy lately caring for his wife Cheri who broke her ankle recently. I offered to let him drive my sedan delivery instead of his '37 Ford so he could take her on cruises, but he said he didn't have a hospital stretcher to wheel her into the back, ambulance-style.

So, have you put your hot rod away for the winter yet? I hope not. Just because we're starting our schedule of restaurants doesn't mean the cruising is over. Heck, there's still a car show yet to come this year, the last weekend of this month in Sioux City (check our schedule).

The last cruise in September was kind of cold and wet, but there were still a number of members arriving in their old cars. There were some interesting cars at the Midwest Golf and Trailer Supply in Tea, including a couple that probably hadn't been seen before by most. When was the last time you saw a Mercury Marauder? Someone even asked me what a Marauder was!

There's more good weather coming, so don't put those cars away yet. Remember, October is an autumn month, not a winter month. There will be plenty of winter months coming up during which the street rod can hibernate. No need to rush it.

In fact, if you don't take advantage of the cruises coming up to bring out the old car, winter could seem that much longer for you.

If the darkness is bothering you, as the sun sets earlier the closer we get to winter, then put some ground effect lights on your car. If you have a truck, maybe you should consider some big-rig style cab lights. How about some blue-dot tail lights? This is the time of season for you to show off your ride's lights, since during the summer most everyone left by the time the sun started to set.

Yes, there are some advantages to cruising in the fall. Don't waste the coming weeks worrying about the shortening of the days. Don't fret because you have to wear your Great Plains Streetrodders sweatshirt instead of the T-shirt. Don't complain about the chill in the air, nor the lack of sunlight.

Maybe we should consider doing some of the mingling among the rods before we eat, to best use the sunlight we have. But we still have street lights to see them after dark. And some of them show a little different in the evening hues or the shine of surrounding lights.

And on the way to our cruising destinations, are you noticing the fall colors?

Yes, this is not a bad time of year to cruise. There is still a lot of enjoyment to be gotten from our antique cars and hotrods.

And the wheels go round, and round, and round...

## *Of Course It's a Chevy, What Else Would Gary Buy?*

It was three years ago that Gary and Audrey Remme purchased their 1934 Chevy coupe.

"I like it because it's a Chevy, and I've always been a Chevy guy," Gary said.

He found it while attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. He was going through a newspaper and saw an ad for the car. He always liked the looks of the 1934 Chevy coupes, so he decided to check the car out. Once he saw it and drove it, he made the deal to have it.

"It seemed like a pretty good car," Gary said.

"I've always been a Chevy guy, and I've seen them ('34 Chevys) in the magazines and always liked the way it looked, a little bit different than the '34 Ford," Gary explained.

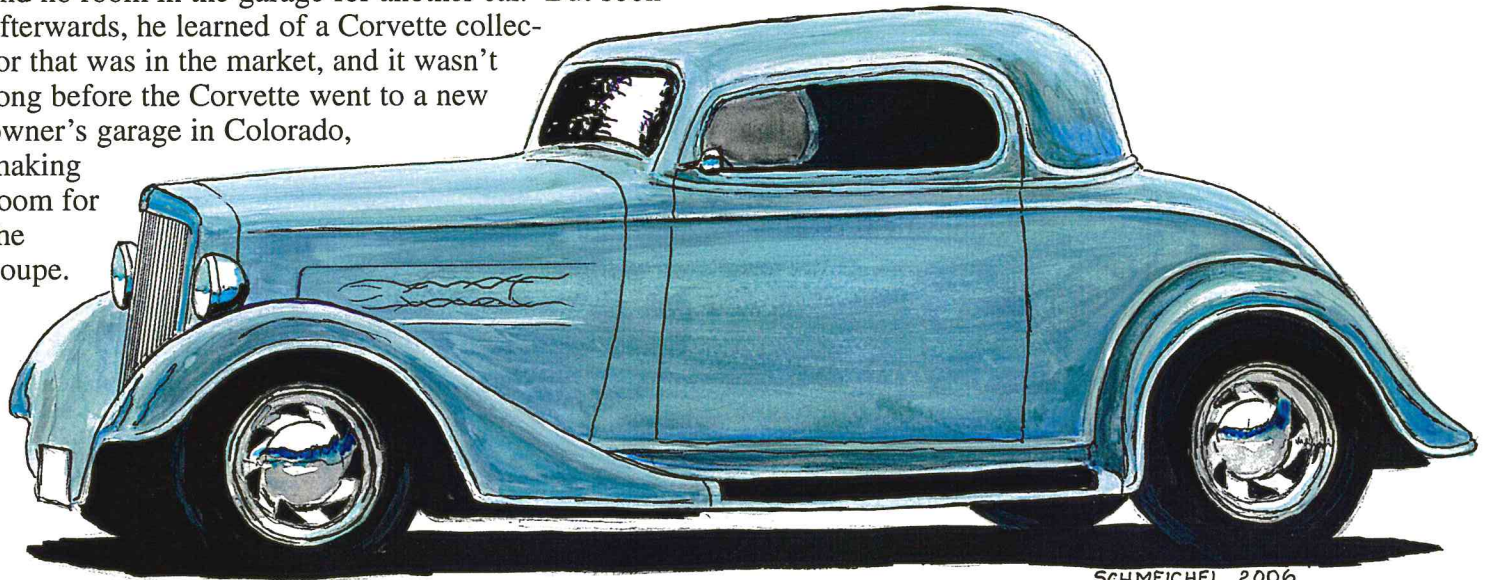
He noted that you don't see as many 1934 Chevys around as you do 1934 Fords, giving it an additional uniqueness.

In addition, Gary acknowledged that he's a fan of the ZZ Top rock band, among which guitarist Billy Gibbons owns a custom '34 Ford coupe. While styled a little different than the one Gary purchased, Gary said he has always like Gibbons' coupe also.

But when he got his coupe home, Gary already had a 1968 Corvette (remember, he's a Chevy guy) there, and no room in the garage for another car. But soon

afterwards, he learned of a Corvette collector that was in the market, and it wasn't long before the Corvette went to a new owner's garage in Colorado,

making room for the coupe.



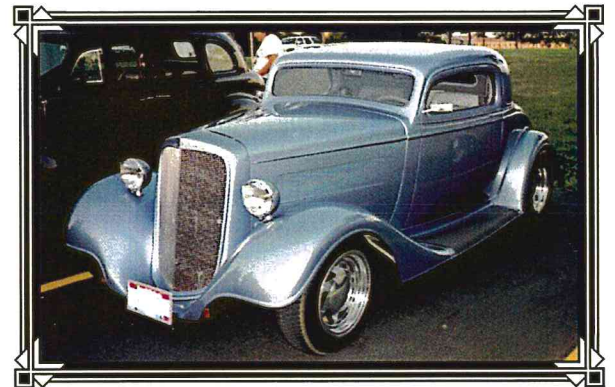
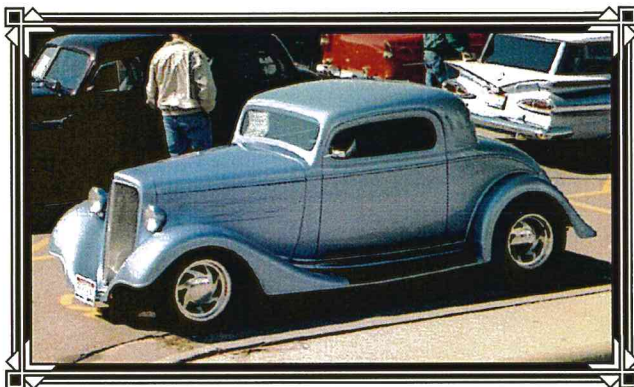
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The fiberglass car was built in Wisconsin in 2001 or 2002. Gary makes no excuses for having bought a car already built. He enjoys driving it, and wouldn't want to wait however long it took to build one himself. He's been having fun with it since he got it and that's what he wanted to do.

It's powered by a Chevy (what else?) 350 c.i. with a single 4 bbl carburetor and a Turbo 400 automatic transmission, leading to a 273 nine-inch Ford (oops) rear end. It also features air conditioning, power brakes and remote activated power windows, so he can turn down the window to get to the door latches that are on the inside only. It also has a stereo CD player.

While the car won second place in Canton this year, as well as additional trophies at other shows, Gary remains modest about it.

"There really isn't too much to say about it. I just went out and got it."



## *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  
Bernie & Tyrell-10/27  
Larry & Carol Olson-10/30  
Wayne & Roxie Ebright-10/31

## *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

## *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

## *Youthful Wisdom*

A bit of wisdom from an anonymous 8-year-old:

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking (God) for something they said you couldn't have."

## *Too Heavy For The Gas Pedal*

The Great Plains Streetrodders is wishing Cheri Kappenman a speedy recovery.

It was reported she broke her foot last week, and we're all hoping it wasn't the foot she uses to drive.

We're hoping she'll be back to joining us at the cruises soon so we can lay all the jokes on her about how her foot must've met Kevin's behind, or she shouldn't have been trying to kick Kevin's foot off the accelerator, etc.

## *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.

## *Classified ads continued*

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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)



## *No More Cruising to Cody's*

The Great Plains Streetrodders won't be visiting the larger than life Bill Cody and his friends, the buffalo and green dinosaur, at Cody's Frontier Village anymore.

The truck stop, which has been a cruising destination of the club every year, located on Cliff Ave. by I-90, closed Oct. 1 after 40 years of business.

According to an article in the local newspaper, the long-time lease on the land ran up, and because the truck stop's owner couldn't come to an agreement for a new lease with the land owner, they chose to close down the business.

As for the business' residents, the huge Bill Cody that watched I-90 traffic go by, the buffalo that guarded the entrance and the dinosaur in the parking lot, they've all been sold, according to reports.

## *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.



## *Lots of Winners There*

There were a lot of winners at the Wheels For Charity Car Show. Some won because of their outstanding vehicles, but others won because of the funds raised for charities.

Mitch Myers won Best of Show with his modified 1971 Dodge pickup truck. It is chopped, lowered and tubbed, and in spite of its obvious ability to go fast, looked good enough just sitting parked to win the top prize.

Dennis Heidebrink won a trophy for best interior. He had his 1940 Chevy there.

Lori Paulson won best paint for the 1965 Chevy Chevelle convertible she shares with her husband, Mike. Their car is painted an outstanding yellow throughout.

Rick and Tyler Snyders won "best engine" for their 1965 Chevelle.

The car show raised \$425 through a raffle and also received \$1,025 in donations. Some funds raised during the year were distributed to the Shrine Transportation Fund, The Banquet, Children's Inn, and The Angel Tree.

For additional pictures of the Wheels For Charity Car Show, visit the Siouxland Car Council's web site at [www.siuoxlandcouncil.info](http://www.siuoxlandcouncil.info) and click on "Summer Cruizin" and then "Wheels For Charity."

*This 1969* AMC SC/Rambler, which was produced only one year, was likely the rarest car at the Wheels For Charity Car Show last month. Only 1,512 were made, and with a 390 c.i. V-8 generating 315 horses from the factory, the 3,000-pound car could really scramble!

## *Upcoming Cruises & Events*

- Oct. 18 – Tailgators in Brandon
- Oct. 25 – Pizza Ranch in Tea
- Oct. 27-29 – Wild About Wheels Car & Bike Show, Sioux City  
Downtown Convention Center  
(712-239-6199)
- Nov. 1 – Main St. in Larchwood, IA
- Nov. 8 – Royal Fork
- Nov. 15 – Black Angus in Canton
- 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

