



Cruisin' News

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A Message From President

By Kevin Kappenman

Summer is fast drawing to a close. It's been a hot, hot, busy cruising season, but still lots of fun to come before the blankets cover 'em up.

In August we had the Pontiac club sponsoring the grill-out at lower Sherman Park. Then the Great Plains club will be sponsoring the Wednesday night grill-out on August 23 at the Bethany Meadows in Brandon. We will need volunteers to help. Let's make it a big success for these senior citizens at Bethany. They love to talk about "the old backseat memories" when they see the cars. Marty's Upholstery in Dell Rapids will be a fun time on the grass once again this year on August 30.

Our once-a-month Wednesday night in downtown on September 6 may have its location changed; more info is to follow.

Siouxland Street Rodders Labor Day Rod Run will be held at Crooks Gun Club again this year. Make plans to attend as this is always a great time to meet out-of-town rodders. And of course I'll be making the popcorn again.

We will be having an informational meeting to plan our fall color run on Saturday August 19 at 6 pm. at my home, 1600 S. Hillview Rd. Come and share your ideas. Please call me if you plan to attend at 336-2116 (home) or 310-4854 (cell). This will be pot luck, so bring a dish to share.

To Join the Great plains StreetRodders, please Contact Kevin Kappenman at 336-2116 or 310-4854, or Roger VanNoort at 582-6437, or talk to any Great Plans club member. We meet every Wednesday night. In the summer we grill out at different locations, and during the winter we meet at different restaurants. We enjoy each other's company and our mutual interest in our cars. We all talk about our kids and grand kids. It's like a big extended family. We do so much with our car club, my grandchild asked me if they were family or friends

Membership fees are \$10 for the remainder of the year, but for 2007 they will be \$15.

Check us out at www.siouxfallsevents.com or www.siouxlandcouncil.info

Get Your Wheels Ready for Charity

The 21st annual Wheels for Charity car show is coming up next month and again will be free for everyone but will still raise funds for local children's charities.

This year it will be held Sept. 16 at Lithia Chevrolet, 4200 W. 12th Street in Sioux falls. Registration will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the show will run 1-4 p.m. with awards handed out at 4 p.m. Trophies will be awarded for Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine and Best of Show.

There is no cost to enter a vehicle, and promoters encourage participants to enter as many cars as they like. It will also be free to the public. There will be drawings for door prizes, and Dakota Digital is providing gauges to be raffled. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 entrants. Lunch will be catered by the Hy-Vee store located at 49th and Louise streets and will be offered at the show for \$6 per meal.

For more information, contact Brad at 332-1881 (day) or 310-4813 (evening) or Jim at 310-6890.

Juice to Keep the Christensens Dry.

Jim and MaryJo Christensen have had their 1937 Ford convertible for about three years now. It was added to their growing stable of hotrods for something to drive when the weather is poor.

They bought it a couple years after acquiring their 1932 Ford roadster hotrod, the original "Juice," named for its one-off orange color.

"The roadster is strictly a fair-weather car, with no top and no fenders, so the '37 we can drive in bad weather because it has fenders and a top, although it's by no means weathertight," Jim explained.

When he bought the 1937 Ford from a man in Watertown, it was basically just a chassis and body. Some of the body is fiberglass, but the fenders, runningboards and grill are all original steel.

With a lot of help with the body work and paint & assembly from Don and Mike Jones, Jim along with Bob Schmeichel boxed the chassis and installed a Mustang II front end, 9-inch Ford rear end and a ZZ-4 Chevy 350 crate motor with aluminum heads plus a 350 turbo transmission. The convertible roof is chopped 2 1/2 inches. The car also features power brakes, power steering, air conditioning and a Pioneer stereo CD player.

The car originally had a rumble seat, but that was a feature Jim didn't want on this car.

"I didn't want anybody to think about climbing over the fenders" to get into a rumble seat, Jim said.

The rumble seat was converted into a trunk, although the lid is still the size and configuration it originally was for the rumble seat.

The car is painted a one-off color that he calls Vanilla Pearl.

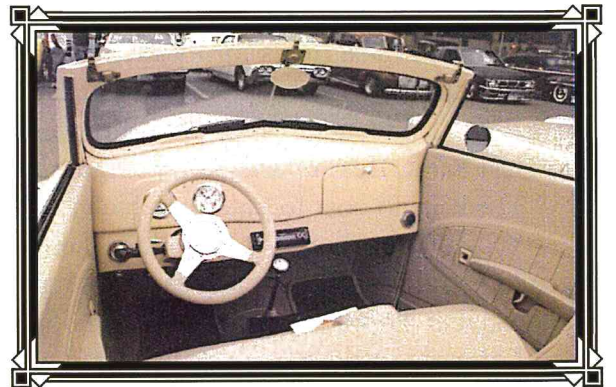
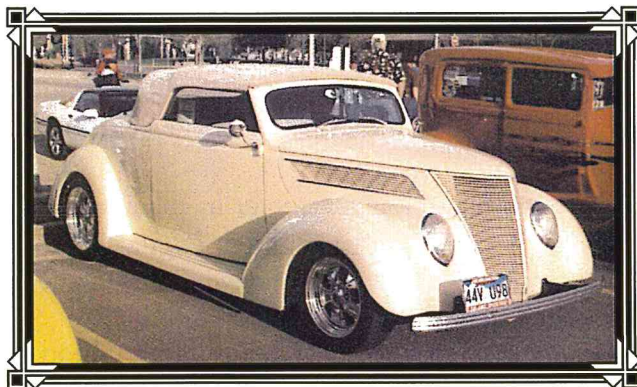
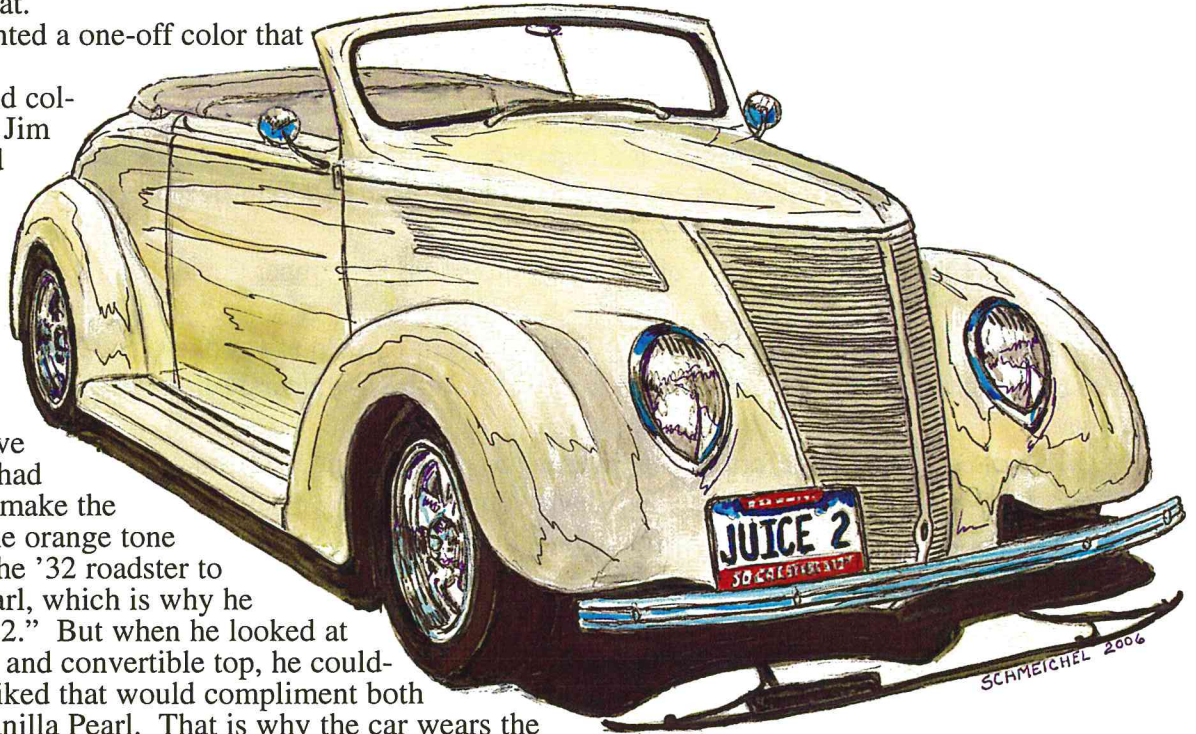
"We just mixed colors until we liked it," Jim said. He took painted cans outside in the sunshine and the night to determine how the color was going to look before choosing the right shade.

But having one-off colors can have their downfalls. Jim had originally planned to make the car two tone, using the orange tone that he had used for the '32 roadster to accent the Vanilla Pearl, which is why he named the car "Juice 2." But when he looked at colors for the interior and convertible top, he couldn't find anything he liked that would compliment both the orange and the Vanilla Pearl. That is why the car wears the vanilla color only but a juice name.

While Juice 2 became their cruiser of choice in bad weather, a convertible is not always the best bad weather car. That led to Jim justifying the purchase of a 1957 Ford Ranch Wagon with an all steel roof.

But he didn't stop there. Now he is working on a 1933 Ford coupe that he wants to make into a rat rod in flat black. No fancy colors for this car.

"Three of those cars to wax and polish is enough," Jim said.



August Birthdays

Henry Buus – 8/3
Brian Lee – 8/7
Darla Goebel – 8/7
Terry Huls – 8/12
Wes Jurgens – 8/12
Wayne King-8/16
Betty Heidebrink – 8/17
Judy Ebright – 8/18
Sandy Heither – 8/18
Jean Knowlton – 8/18
Shirley Alby – 8/19
Glenn Walker – 8/20
Karen Putney – 8/25
LaNette Gregersen – 8/27
Gary Remme – 8/28
Terry Koch – 8/28
Jeff Knowlton – 8/29
Mike Tlustos – 8/29
Buckie Schrader – 8/31

August Anniversaries

Mike & Jean Tlustos-8/07
Harold & Connie Fiferlick – 8/14
Jules & Marilyn Haper – 8/15
Ron & Jackie Heemstra – 8/14
Ron & Karen Roe – 8/23
Mike & Jean Tlustos – 8/7

September Birthdays

Jayne DeBoer-9/1
Fred Snyder-9/7
Mary Jo Christensen-9/14
Sheila Miller- 9/14
Kent Malcomb-9/15
Audrey Remme-9/20

September Anniversaries

Kevin & Cheri Kappenman-9/6
Kirk & Michelle Lee-9/7
Jerry & Marilyn Meyers-9/7
Jerry & LaVonne Hulls-9/8
Bones & Candi Hanson-9/11
Terry & Kathy Koch-9/16
Garry & Audrey Remme-9/19

Talk is cheap because supply exceeds the demand.

Don't Drink Too Much

Patty staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking Buddy, Mick.

He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Brigit. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Patty sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Patty woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Brigit staring at him from across the room. She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you Patty?"

Patty said, "Why you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Brigit said, "it could be the open front door; it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs; it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house; it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly..."

"It's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror."

*If you didn't have problems would you need people around to help solve them?
Conversely if you didn't have people around would you have any problems?*

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



Proud parents, A little girl, & Your hot rod.

Nine convertibles from The Great Plains Streetrodders car club recently made some little girls very happy and their parents very envious. The club members showed up early to help give 24 Little Miss Canton Pageant participants a ride in the Classic Car Parade held in conjunction with the 26th Annual Canton Car Show.

The Little Misses in their 50's era puddle skirted outfits shared their delight when they saw the parade cars they would be riding in. One of the girls expressed her happiness for getting to ride in a red 66' cobra with a big smile and the statement, "my daddy's going be jealous". Another rider, referred to the classic exhaust sound and said, "this baby talks to you doesn't it".

The memories made from this event will be everlasting for the Little Miss Canton Pageant participants. The excitement and smiles shared from the little Misses' and the bystanders at the parade was a wonderful payback to the club members.

Following the Classic Car Parade, approximately 30 of the club members met at a local restaurant to socialize before spending the rest of the evening enjoying the Saturday Cruise Night portion of the Annual Canton Car Show.

Deep Thoughts

- Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- If a stealth bomber crashes in a forest, will it make a sound?
- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
- How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?
- Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injections?
- Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Upcoming Cruises & Events

- Aug. 18 - Pot Luck Ron & Karen Roe home 5:30?
- Aug. 19 – All Car Poker Run in Sioux Falls, 5 p.m. at Saturn of Sioux Falls
- Aug. 19 -- Rally in the Valley Car Show in Rock Valley, IA
- Aug. 20 – All GM Car Show, Pontiac, Cadillac, Saturn, Hummer of Sioux Falls
- Aug 20 - Pot Luck Kevin & Cheri Kappenmans home 4:00
- Aug. 23 – cruise to Bethany Meadows in Brandon
- Aug. 25-27 – Kool Deadwood Nights, Deadwood, SD
- Aug. 30 – cruise to Marty's Upholstery in Del Rapids
- 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. 23 – car show in Centerville, 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, SiouxCity Downtown Convention Center (712-239-6199)

More Deep Thoughts...

- If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong?
- If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- When sign makers go on strike, is anything written on their signs?
- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

