



Cruisin' News

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Neither Rain, Nor Sleet, Nor Snow...

President's Message By Clay Seachris

Summer rain and winter snow - the Dakota weather continues to play a role, but it doesn't keep us from having fun. So far this winter the Great Plains Street Rodders have managed to coordinate a number of great gatherings despite some inclement weather. I laughed with one of our hard-core female members on the morning of the Christmas party when she said, "You need to expect bad weather - this is South Dakota." As a matter of fact, she was also part of the many couples from the club standing in the rain at the Vintiques Rod Run.

Kevin and Cheri were kind enough to have us all over for a grill-out recently. All the proceeds from serving brats and burgers were donated to the Salvation Army Angel Tree in The Empire Mall. Members pulled together, bringing tables, chairs, portable heaters and of course salads and desserts, to make for a fine gathering on a chilly afternoon. This was another gathering in a garage that's as nice as many living rooms. Kevin, carpeting on your whole garage floor is pretty neat.

The annual Siouxland Car Council charity gift-giving event took place the same day as our Christmas party, so it was a fun-filled day spent with friends. We're so fortunate to have members Mike and Lori Paulson open their business for the morning reception. Every year I look forward to those homemade rolls.

From Driveline Service we all met again at the Angel Tree wing of The Empire Mall and watched as our Siouxland Car Council donated the proceeds from last summer's Cruise-In Magazine and Wednesday evening grill-outs to numerous local children's charities. It's great to know we were all part of making this year's Christmas a memorable one for many young boys and girls. It was wonderful to meet a number of the children directly helped through our charity. Watching a girl that has been battling cancer open her gift of a new computer is a very joyous memory.

Susan and I spent the rest of the afternoon wrapping gifts and making a hot dish to share at the Great Plains Street Rodders annual Christmas party. The Renner Legion was filled with members enjoying food, gifts and socializing. Just like a family gathering, everyone ate too much and then shared laughs during the Christmas gift exchange. A '57 Chevy cookie jar was one of the hot items. Too bad, when you open an awesome gift, you must be prepared to let someone steal it from you. Other items that lucky members took home were a vineyard plant stand, Christmas decorations and tools. As always, collectable memorabilia items like diecast metal model cars were a hit with all us who are still little boys at heart. Thank you to all previous feature car members who brought your paintings. Again, despite the weather we had good participation for a successful evening.

The Siouxland Car Council has revised management practices and now all wishing to share their ideas, input and volunteer time have voting privileges at the council meetings held the 3rd Thursday of every month except December. All members of clubs represented by the Siouxland Car Council have an equal, vested interest and the Council officers look forward to your participation. Become a council member and join in the meeting next month. Planning is beginning for the '08 Cruise Season, so the more ideas and solutions you all can bring produces a more organized, fun season with a higher participation of cars and people.

It's always wonderful to spend time with such great people. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It's Not A Mercury, But It's Just As Good

For Allen Alby, his 1946 Ford convertible has enough styling cues to remind him of the 1947 Mercury convertible he had as a teenager, and that makes this Ford a special car for him.

Allen bought the car in 1999 from Randy DeBoer, but it didn't look anything like what you see today. It was all stok, had no motor and needed a lot of work.

"It was all in pieces," Allen said.

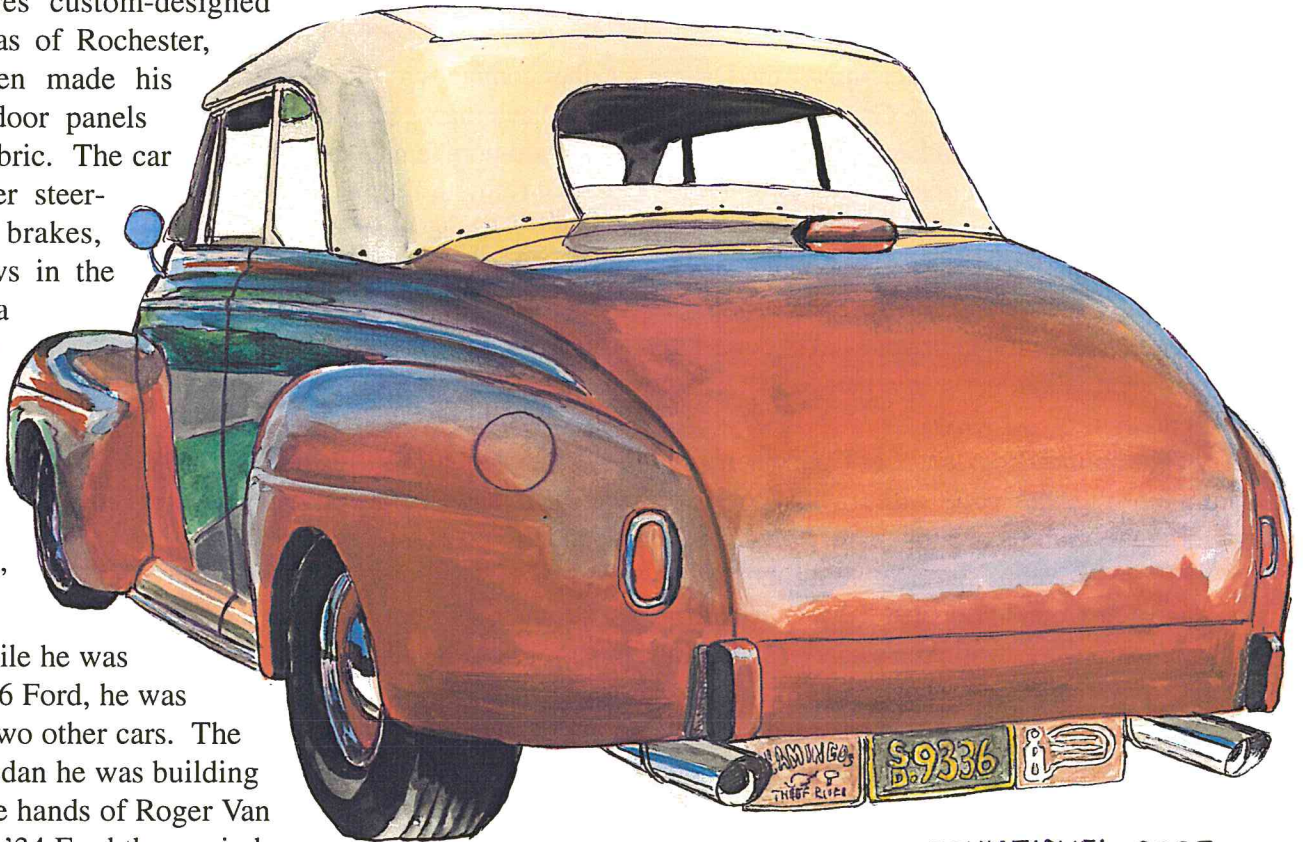
Now the pieces, some of which have Allen's custom touch, fit together nicely, and the car runs fast with a Chevy 355 crate motor Allen got from a local Chevrolet dealer. The headlights and taillights are Frenched, the bumpers removed and Nerf bars were installed in the back. Under the crate motor is a Mustang II front-end, and a 400 automatic transmission shifts the gears for Allen. The

interior features custom-designed seats from Teas of Rochester, MN, and Allen made his own custom door panels of the same fabric. The car also has power steering, power brakes, power windows in the front and a Pioneer stereo system.

"It took me about a year and a half to build this one," Allensaid.

But while he was building his '46 Ford, he was also building two other cars. The 1934 Chevy sedan he was building ended up in the hands of Roger Van Noort, and the '34 Ford three-window coupe was also sold. But the maroon '46 Ford convertible is a keeper. Allen said besides the nostalgia of the Mercury he drove as a teenager, he also likes this car because it has been a dependable vehicle.

"I can drive it anywhere, I don't have to worry about it," Allen said.



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Area Charities Benefited by Street Rodders

The Siouxland Car Council donated a total of \$14,860.00 to area charities this year.

Among those benefiting from our hard work of cruising in cool cars were El Riad Shrine, receiving \$3000.00; Angle Tree, which got \$3200.00, including \$200.00 donated from the grill-out at Kevin & Cheri Kappenman's; C.H.I.P. received \$750.00; SD Parent Connection netted \$750.00; Special Olympics was given \$750.00; New Directions was granted \$750.00; S.O.S. received \$1500.00 towards the handing out of back packs full of school supplies for children; UnRun was given \$1500.00 to battle children's cancer; the Volunteers Of America received \$1000.00; Daniel Duus got \$1060.00 towards a new computer; and the Todd McKenny family, friends of Mike and Lori Paulson with a very ill girl, was given \$600.00 for medical expenses.

Of all the money that was donated there was only \$500.00 that was from the grill-outs. The rest of the money came from the Cruise In magazine's advertising income.

The Siouxland Street rodgers were generous enough to donate \$400.00 to the Siouxland Council at the November meeting.

Who would've thought that so many needs could benefit by our having a good time with our old cars?

Sympathy Goes Out

The Great Plains Street Rodders would like to express sympathy to Bernie and Mary Tyrrell on

the death of Bernie's sister, Ann Myers, who passed away last Friday.

Visitation was Wednesday, December 12th, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Kennebec, SD. The funeral service was Thursday, December 13th, at St. Michaels in Kennebec. Cards can be sent to Bernie and Mary at 2404 West 37th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

We would also like to express sympathy to Connie Fiferlick. Connie's mother, Betty Rans, passed away on December 2nd. Connie and her husband, Harold, are former members of the Great Plains Street Rodders. If you would like to send a card, Connie and Harold's address is: 5004 W. 34th Street North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Please keep Bernie, Mary and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, as well as Connie Fiferlick and her family.

Important Christmas Info

If you are fortunate enough to receive a visit from Santa Claus each year, there are some important things you should know about reindeer.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, but male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should've known -- ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost!

Thanks Offered

To the Great Plains Street Rodders:

Thank you to everyone so very much for the thoughts, cards and expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of my father, Lester Gregersen. All the thoughts and expressions of sympathy made the sorrow easier to bear. Your friendship is wonderful at a time such as this.

Have a blessed Christmas and happy New Year.

LaNette Gregersen & Rick Munce

Classified ads

FOR SALE – 1959 Chevy promo model, 1/25 scale, black and white two-tone, plastic, chassis and roof are slightly warped. \$10 or best offer. Call Brian Lee at 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

FOR SALE – 1984 454 c.i. engine with 400 transmission, engine rebuilt 2,000 miles ago. Can hear it run. \$2,500. Call Red Duerksen at 772-4850.

FOR SALE – 1952 Packard parts, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571.

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

Upcoming Cruises & Events

- Dec. 19 -- Ming Wahs
 Dec. 26 – Applebee’s on Louise Ave
 by Target
 Jan. 2 – Valentino’s
 Jan. 9 – Rolling Pin
 Jan. 16 – The Keg on E. 26th St.
 Jan. 23 – Skelly’s
 Jan. 30 – TBA
 Feb. 6 -- TBA
 Feb. 13 – Brandon Steakhouse
 Feb. 20 – Coyote Canyon
 Feb. 27 – Pizza Ranch at Tea
 March 5 – Royal Fork
 March 12 – Market Place at Inwood,
 IA
 March 19 – Ramkota
 June 6 -- Luverne's Buffalo Days
 Cruise Nite.

December Birthdays

Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Gary Ebright	11
Cathy Walker	13
Leonard Rhoades	15
Kristie Hoyme	16
Barb Schriever	17
Julie Hansen	20
LeAnn Phillips	20
Helen Jensen	21
Roger Corkill	24
Chris Johnson	31
Lola Little	31

December Anniversaries

Glenn & Cathy Walker	19
Eric & Patt Anderson	20
Bill & Lana Kullander	20
Gary & Judy Ebright	31
Fred & Nancy Snyder	31

January Birthdays

Shanda Schlechter	3
Ike Wiese	5
Glenna Burns	7
Bob Schriever	8
Michelle Lee	14

Randy Ludwig	16
Larry Hoyme	18
Doreen Wiese	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Nancy Jellis	31

January Anniversaries

Ike & Doreen Wiese	12
Al & Shirley Alby	20

Holiday Recipes To Try

One of the deserts at the car club Christmas party earlier this month was very popular, so Audrey Jorgenson was generous enough to share the recipe with our club.

Kit Kat Bars

1 cup butter
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1-1/3 cup sugar
 1/2 cup milk
 2 cups crushed graham crackers
 1/2 box Keebler Club crackers (1-1/2 sleeves)
 2/3 cup peanut butter
 1/2 cup chocolate chips
 1/2 cup butterscotch chips
 Bring to a boil the butter, brown sugar, white sugar, milk and crushed graham crackers.
 Boil 5 minutes.
 Line bottom of 9x13 pan with Keebler crackers.
 Put 1/2 of the boiled mixture over crackers, then another layer of crackers, followed by the rest of the boiled mixture.
 Melt chips and peanut butter in microwave and pour over top and spread.
 Refrigerate to set.
 Then enjoy!

If you're really getting festive at this point, and want to do more holiday baking, here is another recipe from the grandmother of an

individual who wishes to remain anonymous:

Classic Christmas Cookie Recipe

1 cup of water
 1 tsp baking soda
 1 cup of sugar
 1 tsp salt
 1 cup of brown sugar
 Lemon juice
 4 large eggs
 1 cup nuts
 2 cups of dried fruit
 1 bottle Crown Royal (may substitute any liquor of choice)
 Sample the Crown Royal to check quality.
 Take a large bowl, check the Crown Royal again, to be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Turn on the electric mixer...Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar....Beat again. At this point it's best to make sure the Crown Royal is still OK; try another cup.... just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the frickin fruit off the floor... Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaters just pry it loose with a dewscraver. Then sample the Crown Royal to check for consistency. Then, sift two cups of salt, or something.... who giveshz a sheet. Take another shot of the Crown Royal. Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table.

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Add a spoon of basking yoda, or
 somefink.... whatever you can find.
 Greash the oven.
 Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try
 not to fall over.
 Don't forget to beat off the turner.
 Finish the bottle of Crown Royal.
 Make sure to put the stove in the
 dishwasher.
 If not already in a prone position, lie
 down – the bookies will cake them-
 selves from here on.

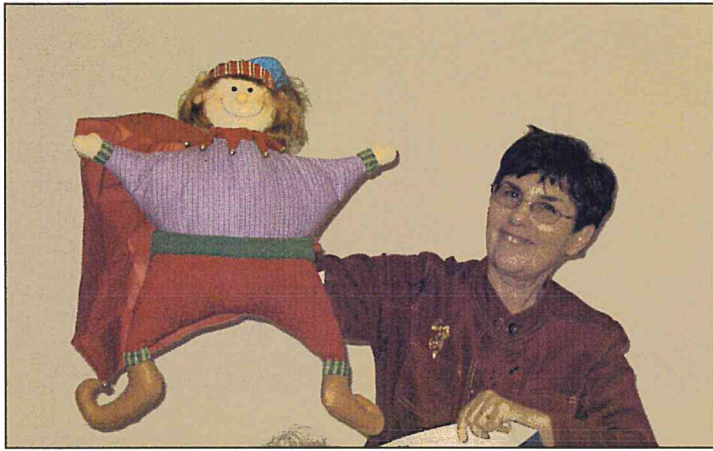


Submissions For The Newsletter

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.





*Merry
Christmas!*

