



Cruisin' News

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The Season's Almost Over

Late summer reminds me of the lyrics, "It's late September and I really should be back in school." This time of the summer after working hard on cruise scheduling, car show planning and other volunteer efforts, there are a number of club members looking forward to wrapping up the Summer of '07. I've had numerous discussions with members that all relish the idea of changing seasons so we can be re-energized throughout the winter once again for successful summers of fun.

The fall is also the time of the year where projects are scheduled, ideas formed and volunteers review successes and areas of improvement. Most of the groundwork for summer projects is set throughout the winter, so volunteers are not overwhelmed during our short summer cruise season. Fall is always the best time for new volunteers to become active; they are able to hear prior year reflections and help plan future year successes.

We have a new Great Plains Street Rodders' Meet-n-eat Committee. Joyce Gough, Shirley Alby and Judy Edbright thought it would be fun to take over the duties for this winter. The Meet-n-eat Committee has always been a strong asset to the Great Plains Street Rodders social success and these ladies will do a great job. They began meeting and scheduling the off-season club social gathering locations. Check out the Wednesday evening club meeting locations beginning October 3.

Recently, Betty Heidebrink revealed her latest project, the Great Plains Street Rodders' scrapbook/photo album. There are currently two issues of these albums and they are a compilation of some great photos and items from club socials, cruises and car shows. These albums will continue to grow and history goes by quickly. We keep making memories, so keep giving Betty your photos and other paper items from shows and gatherings so she may continue the fun. These albums are fun to look through and Betty will be bringing them to share.

The Labor Day Rod Run was back at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds this year and on behalf of the Great Plains Street Rodders, Bob Schmeichel once again kept Sunday morning hoppin with different car related games and activities. Sonic was the host for the afternoon Show-n-shine, and Kevin, the manager, gave away some very cool prizes.

In spite of 45-degree weather and rain, the Vintiques Rod Run was a fun weekend of socializing and car events. The Great Plains Street Rodders were well represented and won a prize for "Best Club Participation" with 18 registered cars. I know we also had numerous other members just visiting the show-n-shine. With around 45 club members attending parts of the show, I was proud to pick up a plaque on behalf of the club. I don't know what to do with a plaque that belongs to so many people. Congratulations to Derrick Stokes, who won the car print that was raffled.

When we move indoors to restaurants, sometimes we get seated into little groups and I know it can be intimidating as a new member to sit with people who all know each other so well. Again, we have a number of new members that just joined, so please take the opportunity to welcome them to our club and make them part of the Great Plains Street Rodders' family. Helen, our secretary, has been doing a wonderful job with the email network, keeping us all informed.

The shows and cruises outlined earlier are only a portion of the busy happenings. It's always wonderful to spend time with such great people.



Continually Resurrecting a Sedan Delivery

It's a slow-moving project that can run fast when he wants it to, but it wasn't always that way.

Brian & Grace Lee first purchased their 1951 Chevrolet sedan delivery in 1991, from a junkyard on an Indian reservation in eastern Idaho. The operator of the junkyard is a story in himself, but this is supposed to be about the car.

When they got it, someone had already started an amateur restoration on it and apparently lost interest. It had been freshly painted the yellow and white paint scheme it still bears, and the original 218 c.i. straight-six engine had been swapped out for a 1953 Chevy 235 c.i. straight-six that ran very well. Brian was able to drive it home from the junk yard, although it was a challenge with only one wheel having working brakes.

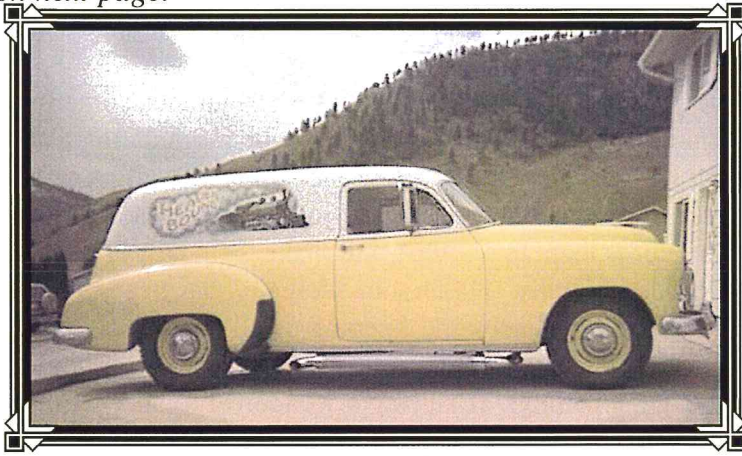
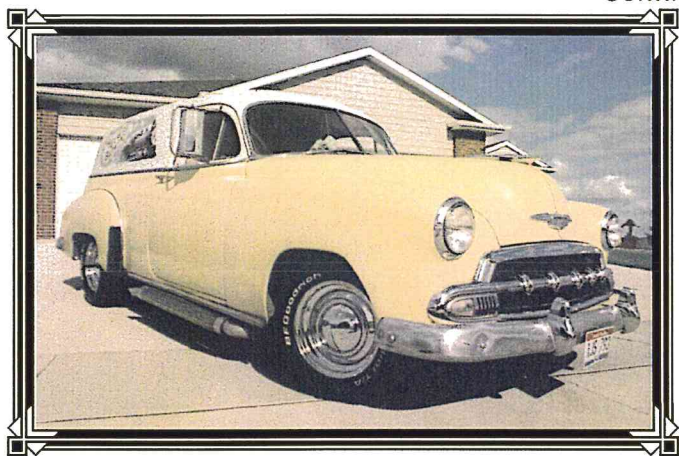
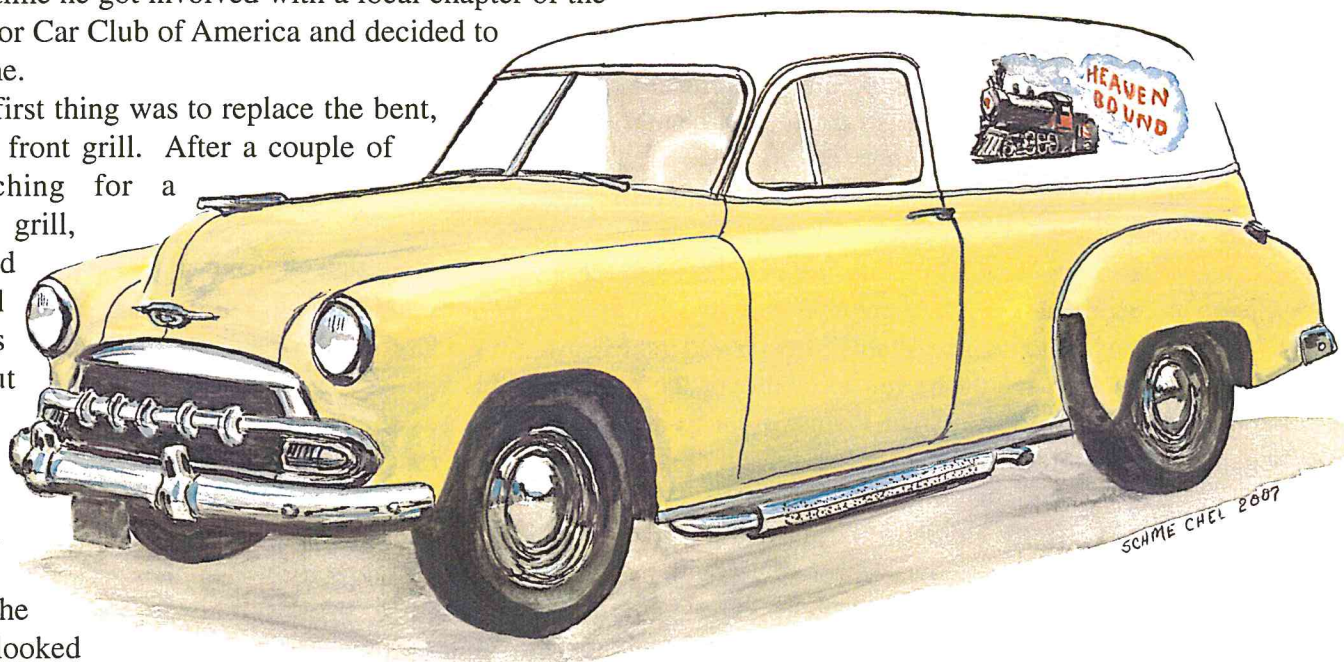
After rebuilding the brakes on all four wheels, Brian used the car for his daily driver for about 2 years. During that time he got involved with a local chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America and decided to fix it up some.

The first thing was to replace the bent, non-original front grill. After a couple of years searching for a decent 1951 grill, a guy offered a 1952 grill that was intact but needed rechroming for \$25. Brian thought the "teeth" on the 1952 grill looked cool, so he went with that – his first "modification."

They had a friend paint the locomotive on the side from a photo Brian had taken back in the 1970s at some festival in Baltimore. That actual locomotive is in the B&O Transportation Museum in Baltimore today. Brian had him letter "Heaven Bound" above the locomotive so the car would now reflect his three main interests – Jesus Christ (the only way to Heaven), old cars (the only way to cruise) and trains, in that order.

In 1999 their younger son was in his senior year of high school, where he participated in the auto tech program, and the automotive teacher told the class they could choose whatever automotive project they wanted for their senior year project. Ben asked Brian to let him put a V-8 in the old Chevy. By then, the 235 was starting to smoke

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Pheasant Hunting

A big city lawyer went pheasant hunting in rural South Dakota. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The attorney responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the United States and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in South Dakota. We settle small disagreements like this with the "Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Three Kick Rule?"

The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel-toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the

farmer's third kick to his rear end sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie .

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the pheasant."

Look, We're Growing!

Here are some new members who just joined Great Plains Streetrodders recently:

Butch & Debbie Yesda, 716 N. Sandberg Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110-5762, 605-339-2871.

Chuck & Melanie Trites, 3814 S. Lisanne Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-7228, 605-371-5882.

Rickey Brandt, 6001 S. Cliff Ave. - Apt. 214, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, 605-759-5238 .

Fred & Donna Gorwill, 1529 - 130th Street, Larchwood, IA, 51241, 712-477-2105.

Dale & Pat Kiebach, 603 S. Shebal Ave., Harrisburg, SD, 57032, 605-767-2020.

Don & LaDell Mertens, 5609 S. Josh Wyatt Drive, Sioux Falls, SD, 57108, 605-271-0949.

Leonard & Carla Rhoades, 5601 S. Danberry Dr., Sioux Falls, SD, 57106, 605-361-1520.

Diego & Lea Yorsky, 709 W. 35th St., Sioux Falls, SD, 57105, 605-334-1051 .

Terry & Nancy Jellis, 48353 - 266th St., Brandon, SD, 57005, 605-332-0811.

Sam & Bonnie Britt, 905 S. Wayland Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, Cell phones: 605-940-6899 and 605-940-9841

Jason & Shanda Schlechter, 105 N. Meyer Land, Sioux Falls, SD 57103, 605-336-6217

Are you wondering what they drive? Then you've got a reason to talk to them and get to know them!

Bones and Candy Win the Whizzer

For those of you who were unable to attend the cruise to Terry Schulte's Executive Touch/Subaru dealership last month, you missed a great evening! The weather was fantastic and the food was great.

Following supper, Terry and his staff gave away many great door prizes. Bones and Candi Hanson had the winning number for the final door prize -- and they won BIG!! The final prize was a brand new Whizzer motorbike that Terry gave away at the end of the evening. Congratulations Bones and Candi! Way to go!



Storage and Your Cruiser

Before you know it, a crisp autumn breeze will remind you that winter's chill is on its way. Many people think their classic car sitting in the garage is safe and sound and completely protected. The fact that your pride and joy may not see road use for about 4-5 months can be just as damaging as redlining! Below are some tips and proven ideas that will keep your classic from the icy grip of winter's hand and help to keep it fresh for the spring thaw.

1.) Clean And Wax the Finish

Your car's finish is perfect right, especially if you have been waxing and polishing it all summer but, in case you didn't get your classic properly waxed during the summer cruising months, now is the time to get it done before the temperature drops below freezing. Remember, corrosion's horrible recipe: mix 1 part moisture, with 1 part air, with 1 part dirt. Combined, the results are rust! Spend a little time now to save a lot of time and money later.

Always wash your car first to remove any dirt and foreign particles and use a microfiber towel to dry. Many people believe the use of things like chamois or terry cloth will put fine scratches in your paint and finish. Next apply a thorough coat of wax to all painted and chrome surfaces. Use a good wax. I prefer carnauba for winter storage so in the event you miss taking it off of some spots it will still be easy to remove in spring. Also remember, as outdoor temps fluctuate, your car's surface will "sweat" with moisture from condensing air collecting on your vehicle's surface. It's best to protect that surface with a high quality wax.

Don't forget to bring all waxes and cleaners inside the house for the winter. If any does happen to freeze throw it away. The freezing and thawing process can change the chemical composition of the wax and that could spell trouble for your paint and finish. Also, you will want to place a large strip of rubber matting or indoor/outdoor carpet under your vehicle to keep evaporating moisture from your garage floor collecting on your classic's undercarriage, causing corrosion to begin.

While you are at it, pay some attention to your vehicle's interior and tires. Look for a solvent-based dressing that does not contain water. Solvent-based dressings actually repel water and moisture and this can help prevent dry rotting of tires and cracking of interior surfaces.

Also, vacuum and remove anything that you don't want sitting in your vehicle for the long term. A misplaced ballpoint pen, for example, may freeze, and leak ink all over your precious interior. Also, make sure you do not leave type written materials in contact with leather or vinyl. The ink will transfer and stain. Pick up everything, if you can remove it, do so!

2.) Check Your Coolant Level

I had a friend who didn't properly fill his classic's radiator with the adequate mix of coolant, and the wrong mix of water to coolant ratio caused the water to expand when the temperature dropped. The result? A block of ice blew out the radiator seals! When the ice melted there was quite a mess. Make sure to correctly mix and fill your radiator with the proper coolant. If it has been awhile, you may want to invest in a complete cooling system flush-n-fill process, to ensure the job is done right.

3.) Check Your Oil Level

Some will tell you to replace the oil and filter upon storage and then once again in the spring when you take your classic out of storage. I just make sure all fluid levels are correct, and change the oil and filter in the spring. Either way, just make sure the fluid levels are correct.

4.) Prepare Your Fuel System

Keep the fuel fresh. When gasoline sits, it can break down and form gum and varnish, which will clog a fuel system. Add a fuel stabilizer to your gas tank and run the engine for a few minutes to allow the agent to mix in with your fuel system lines. What's more, any moisture left in the fuel system can cause rust. Make sure that your tank is full of fuel before any storage. Air space within a gas tank allows for air to collect and condensate within the tank, causing rust.

5.) Varmint Proof The Area

You can't allow any critters that make their way into your storage area to make your classic its home for the Winter! Seal up any drafty doors or windows, and place some rodent control devices throughout the area. Remember, mice run straight lines along wall edges, so a few well placed traps around the perimeter of your classic will help deter any unwelcome guests. We've all heard the horror stories of chewed wiring and a dead mouse in the vent system! I'll usually cover the exhaust tips with a sock to help protect the chrome finish and block any openings for critters to gain access.

6.) Remove Or Disconnect The Battery

Since your classic is sitting idle, remove the vehicle battery and if you have one place it on a trickle charger. Also, if you are thinking of storing the battery on the garage floor - don't! Place a wood board between the battery and the concrete. Temperature fluctuations in the concrete will rob the battery and cause premature wear. The board acts as an "insulator" between the concrete and the battery. While you are at it, clean off any corrosion from the battery terminals on both the battery and in your classic.

7.) Up Off The Floor We Go

Place the vehicle on four heavy-duty jack stands and make sure you put some padding between the stands and the car's frame. Putting the car on jack stands will relieve spring tension, and in some cases where you may run bias-ply tires, will keep your classic's tires from flat spotting while resting in one spot all winter. If you run radials, this isn't a concern, but if you run bias tires, you'll hear a "whump-whump" noise of flat spotted bias tires come spring if you don't. Make sure to place the jack stands on a secure lifting point, especially for heavy classics. Otherwise, you'll bend or possibly break parts, and we don't want that.

8.) Wrap It Up

Invest in a quality breathable car cover. Don't rely on a plastic tarp, as they do not allow rising moist air to pass through. In fact, plastic tarps will promote corrosion! A breathable cover allows the air to pass through, but keep dust and moisture off your classic's finish. By removing moisture, dust and air no corrosive deterioration begins to occur during storage.



Upcoming Cruises & Events

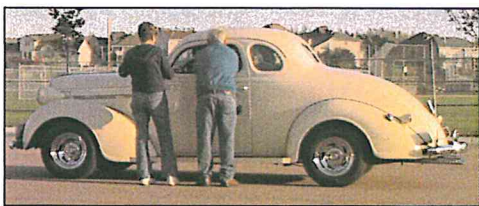
- Sept. 18 -- Siouxland Car Council meeting
 Sept. 19 – Pot Luck at Sertoma Park
 Sept. 20 – Cruise to Bethany Meadows, Brandon
 Sept, 23 -- Outkast Rod Run (September 21-23), Mitchell, SD
 Sept. 26 – cruise to be announced
 Sept. 29 –Cruise to Lake Preston 6 p.m. at Bad Boys Toys, N. Main St.
 Oct. 3 – Flyin’ J
 Oct. 10 – Tail Gator’s
 Oct. 17 – Brandon Pizza Ranch
 Oct. 24 – Dutch inn in Del Rapids
 Oct. 31 – Dario’s

Streetrodders Poking Along

The Great Plains StreetRoddors volunteered and made the Siouxland Car Council Poker Run on September 12 a huge success.



Fred and Nancy Snyder, Allen and Shirley Alby, Jim and Jayne DeBoer, Helen Jenson, Brad Goebel and Kevin Kappenman put together a poker run that was a big hit on a beautiful September evening.



Judy Bentson was the big winner for the evening with the best poker hand of 5 kings. Bob Schmeichel was another winner, and

Deanna Ludwig won for having the lowest hand out of 106 poker hands being played.

Brad Goebel took pictures of all the cars at one of the stops and these photos will be available to the participants in the near future.

September Birthdays

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| Jayne DeBoer | 1 |
| Jeannie Ogle | 4 |
| Fred Snyder | 7 |
| Julie Slumskie | 10 |
| Dianne Corkell | 12 |
| Sheila Miller | 14 |
| Audrey Remme | 20 |
| Dale Kiebach | 26 |
| Bill Kullander | 30 |

September Anniversaries

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| Kevin & Cheri Kappenman | 6 |
| Kirk & Michelle Lee | 7 |
| “Bones” & Candi Hanson | 11 |
| Leonard & Carla Rhoades | 15 |
| Terry & Kathy Koch | 16 |
| Garry & Audrey Remme | 19 |

October Birthdays

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|----------------|----|
| Rick Munce | 8 |
| Doug Walker | 13 |
| Sandy Elefson | 10 |
| Melania Barnes | 11 |
| Lori Paulson | 11 |
| Dale Heither | 12 |
| Cindy Pesicka | 19 |
| Carla Rhoades | 20 |
| Al Alby | 22 |
| Fred Gorwill | 23 |
| Tom Olsen | 28 |

October Anniversaries

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|------------------------|----|
| Roger & Jan Malcomb | 5 |
| Doug & Karen Walker | 13 |
| John & Sonja Lynch | 16 |
| Fred & Donna Gorwill | 16 |
| Bob & Sandy Schmeichel | 20 |
| Dwight & Ruby Johnson | 20 |

Guys That Work Hard

The Great Plains Street Rodders would like to thank two very special members for their annual hard work, dedication and contributions to the summer car show season and charitable fundraising activities.

Kevin Kappenman and Don Jones are resigning as president and vice-president of the Siouxland Car Council, effective December 31, 2007.

That will leave two opportunities for other car enthusiasts to make a difference. So, if you’re interested in becoming more involved with planning and managing local car activities and charitable fundraising, please contact Kevin, Don, or attend the next monthly council meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at Pizza Ranch in Tea, SD. Supper will be at 6:30 PM, followed by a meeting at 7:30 PM.

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.



a little, and Brian thought this might be a good way to get Ben more interested in the old car hobby. So, they bought a 1974 Nova SS out of a junk yard in Pocatello, Idaho, and Ben swapped the entire drive-train from that into the sedan delivery. Brian encouraged him to use the front sub-frame from the Nova, too, but he didn't have enough time to complete that change by the end of the school year, so the car maintains its original front steering and suspension. With no power steering, that helps keep Brian's arms in shape.

When Brian got the car back from Ben, it had a coat hanger for a throttle operation and the freshly rebuilt transmission leaked like a sieve. It took him two years to iron out all the bugs, and even longer to completely stop the transmission leak, which Ken Buchanan found to be a simple fix that two transmission shops in Montana had overlooked.

Brian finally broke down and bought chrome wheels and radial tires for it this year. It had bias ply tires when he got it, and for 15 years he never had to buy tires for it because people kept coming up to him and saying, "I see you run bias ply tires. I have some that size that you can have if you want them."

Future plans include rechroming the bumpers, maybe acquiring fender skirts and installing a nicer interior. He may also replace the 8-track player some day with a nice sound system.

How to redo the interior is a controversial topic because Ben and Brian have totally different ideas of how it should be done. The reason Ben's opinion matters so much is that in exchange for all his hard work installing the V-8 Brian promised to let him buy the car for

the original price he paid when Ben finished college. Ben graduated from college two years ago, but so far has not taken Brian up on that offer.

So, in the meantime, Brian makes a few improvements here and there as he continues to enjoy driving car each summer that it in remains in his name.

Classified ads

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 – '85 Fiero GT - 2M6, 2.8L V-6, 4spd., A/C, Cruise, Sun Roof, PW, PM, PL, CD, Tilt. Everything works! Excellent Condition. \$3,500.00 -- call Howard Greer - 605-334-5491

FOR SALE – 1967 GMC pickup truck, 34,000 miles, good shape. \$5,000.00. Call Allen Alby at 605-334-3472.

FOR SALE – Two new Coker white-wall tires P235/75R15 for \$300. Call Allen Alby at 605-334-3472.

FOR SALE -- 1955 Schwinn 26 inch "CORVETTE" bicycle, 97 % complete. Sturmey/Archer English 3-speed. Green & White (only color combination available in 1955). Full Chrome Fenders. White grips with white tassels. Manufactured in Chicago, IL. Delivered to: Judson Chevrolet/Cushman/Schwinn Company, Los Angeles, CA. Still has 1965 Los Angeles, CA bicycle license sticker attached to frame. Appraised value in Schwinn Book of \$650.00. (If at 100% value is \$1,400.00) Sell for \$395.00. Call Bill at 371-3535 or 366-1158

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



Derrick won this print at the Vintiques car show in Watertown