



Cruisin' News

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The Opportunities Are Rewarding

By Clay Seachris
President's message

The summer cruise season is in full swing and we've utilized a number of opportunities and shared our cars in many positive ways. The attraction of our cars can evoke many emotions and help in many small ways. I've always enjoyed the emotional feedback of the thumbs up or a smile. Knowing that we create such excitement and are able to be the main attraction at numerous charitable events is so rewarding. It's just one of the things that makes those long hours working on a project all worth while.

The V.A. Hospital Car Show was fun again this year. It was a perfect evening for a picnic and the patients from the hospital enjoyed being able to get up close to our cars. Having the show on-site makes wonderful memories for numerous people that would not normally have the chance to see such beautiful machines. We all have stories regarding patients sharing a story about owning or riding in a similar car and how it brings back memories of the good ole days.

As a club we've had a number of cruises to gatherings, shows and charities. When we cruise as a club it's a blast to see people in their daily-drivers pull over or run from their home out to the street to watch all the cool cars go by. We have probably been the topic of many small town coffee shops the day after a trip through town. I know one time last year when we all played follow the "lost" leader in a small Iowa town. For sure they talked about those crazy South Dakota drivers with poor senses of direction.

Recently we cruised as a club to Montrose and spent the afternoon enjoying each other's company. Our cars were the local attraction for a swimming pool fund-raiser. It was a hot summer day, but all went well with good food and cold ice cream. Someone must have mentioned that a good way to get the Great Plains Streetrodders to attend an event is to serve ice cream.

The Cruise to the Farm was another great weekend cruise. Over 40 club members met in Brandon and cruised together to Pipestone. Norm and Ethelyn Fey are always great hosts. Around 20 cars out of the approximately 100 cars in attendance were Great Plains Streetrodders. Once again there was great food and it was all you could eat and drink. An air-conditioned shop full of cool, rare autos made a great atmosphere for socializing and fun. The evening wrapped up with some major loud, smoky, burn-outs from some of Norm's rare musclecars, followed by a relaxing country drive back home.

The Great Plains StreetRodders are the host club on August 22 for the Wednesday night cruise to Bethany Meadows retirement home, just east of Brandon. It has always been a hit for members of the club to bring dessert items for the meal. We will be grilling and serving that evening, so I hope attendance is high. This is another wonderful opportunity to share our cars with people who have a difficult time getting out in public. For many residents this is a highlight of the summer. This winter when I verified this cruise destination again for 2007, the home director shared just how excited and happy they were to have us spend an evening with them again. Invite all your friends to attend this evening. They have their own band that plays on the front lawn and it's a great summer evening.

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 are only a portion of the busy happenings. Let's keep the memories of the Summer of '07 going.

Remember to share our website www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com with fellow car enthusiasts and email your club photos to webmaster@greatplainsstreetrodders.com. We have plenty more business cards so just ask when you run out and I'll get you some more. Remind those previous members and friends of the fun times we have as a group and invite them to join again.

Born and Raised in California

Gary and Audrey Jorgenson's 1957 Chevy Belair hardtop at one point in its long life had spent its entire life in California. We should thank the Jorgensons that this is no longer the case.

They bought the car in 1990 while they were living in California as Gary was stationed there at the time in the United States Air Force. Gary served in the Air Force for 26 years as a pilot before retiring.

He had a 1957 Ford but sold it before moving to California, so he was wanting another old car.

"I always wanted a '57 Chevy," Gary explains. "They're the cars we always drove in high school."

It was a pristine show car when he bought it, and has won several trophies since. But he drives it a lot, and it has received a few nicks and scratches as a result. But he has no regrets, as it is driving the car that he likes most. He doesn't even bother with car shows much anymore, he said.

One of the features of the car is its one-piece bumper. Most 1957 Chevrolets were built with three-piece bumpers, but a small number that were built in the Van Nuys, CA, factory received single-piece bumpers for reasons that have been lost to time. Called the California bumper, the Jorgensons' car exhibits this.

The car is powered by a 1969 300 hp 350 c.i. engine with the 350 automatic transmission. All of the stainless trim and chrome are original.

Gary did swap out the original wheels and wheel covers for some chrome mag wheels soon after he got it.

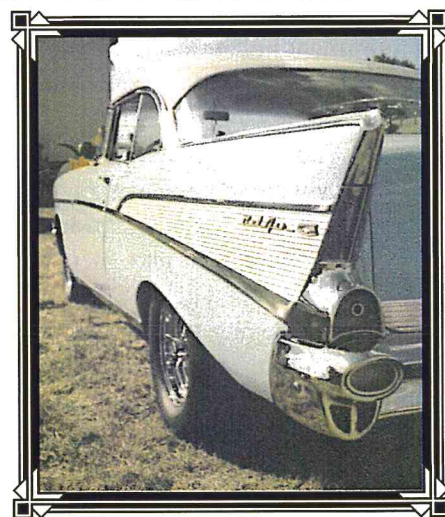


"I've had Cragar wheels ever since the '60s. I've had Cragar wheels on every old car I've owned," he said.

Until Gary purchased the car, it had never been registered outside of California. It spent its first 33 years entirely in the Los Angeles area, where snow and salt never assaulted it. And likewise, Gary spent the beginning of his life in California as well, possibly having crossed paths with this very car.

"I grew up in southern California," he said. "I used to go to all the car scenes."

Now both Gary and his '57 Chevy are South Dakota residents. And South Dakota is better for it.



Gratitude Offered

A special "thank you" goes to everyone for being there for us when our dad passed away.

We really appreciate the cards, goodies and money, but utmost your thoughts & prayers. The money is going for a memorial stone at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Again, thank you. It means a lot.

Doug & Karen Walker

Invoke Some Memories

Members of the Great Plains Streetrodders are invited to show off their rides to folks who will remember when some of our cars were on the showroom floor.

Two local retirement facilities have scheduled car shows on two different dates during the month of September, and both are requesting advance registration.

The Good Samaritan Society Prairie Creek retirement home is hosting a Cruise-in 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and has asked Great Plains Streetrodders to participate. It is being held in conjunction with Grandparents Day.

A barbecue lunch will be provided to the old car owners, plus there will be a peoples' choice contest, games and inflatable playgrounds for children.

The old cars will be parked in front of the lodge and are asked to arrive between 1:30-2 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to respond to Kellie or Alecia at 605-331-5507 by Aug. 31.

To get to Prairie Creek, go

west on 57th Street two blocks past Louise Ave., turn north on Solberg and the east on 56th Street.

When that event is over, we only have to wait four more days to do it all over again!

The Cars Through the Generations 2nd Annual Car Show will be held Sept. 13 at the Center for Active Generations, 2300 West 46th Street in Sioux Falls. There is no entry fee for this event either, but there is a \$5 charge per person for dinner. Peoples Choice awards will be presented for each decade from 1900 through the 1970s.

The deadline to enter this event is Sept, 7, and registration or more information is available by calling Lisa at 605-333-3307.

Classified ads

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



Upcoming Cruises & Events

- Aug. 11-12 – All GM Car Show and Poker Run at Pontiac, Cadillac, Saturn, Hummer of Sioux Falls
- Aug. 15 – grill out at Wall Lake
- Aug. 17 – Poker run, cruise & dance at Rock Valley, IA, starting at 6 p.m.
- Aug. 18 – Rally in the Valley Car Show at Rock Valley, IA.
- Aug. 22 – cruise to Bethany Meadows in Brandon
- Aug. 29 – cruise to Executive Touch
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 – Siouxland Streetrodders Labor Day Rod Run & Campout (605-331-4028)
- Sept. 5 – cruise to HyVee on Minnesota Ave.
- Sept. 9 – Cruise-in at Prairie Creek retirement home 2-4 p.m. (605-331-5507)
- Sept. 9 – cruise to Watertown
- Sept. 12 – pot luck at Sertoma Park
- Sept. 13 – Car show at Center for Active Generations (605-333-3307)
- Sept. 19 – grill-out at a park to be determined
- Sept. 26 – cruise to be announced
- Sept. 29 –Cruise to Lake Preston 6 p.m. at Bad Boys Toys, N. Main St.

Tell Them Your Story

I am asking the Great Plains StreetRodders to try to provide more articles to the Cruise-In Magazine. This magazine is a great charitable fund-raiser and can only be published if articles can be obtained to fill the pages.

Article ideas are numerous: Your first Drive. I always enjoy stories of the good ole days when cruis-

ing was king. Come on I know you got the stories. I've heard them. Just type them up and email them to Brad Goebel or Brian Lee. And Brian is willing to offer any help you need in writing them up.

Thank you.

Clay Seachris
GPSR President

August Birthdays:

Brian Lee – 8/7
Darla Goebel – 8/7
Jerry Huls – 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
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
Jules & Marilyn Haper – 8/15
Ron & Karen Roe – 8/23
Mike & Jean Tlustos – 8/7

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

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

Who Checked The Oil?

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country.

Well, there's a very simple answer: Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for that is purely geographical. Our OIL is located in Alaska, California, Coastal Florida, Coastal Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas. But our dipsticks are located in Washington, DC !



"Club stickers still available for \$2 each. See Clay."

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.

