



Cruisin' News

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Friends In The Club Are Getting Closer

By Clay Seachris

President's message

The summer is going by quickly, and as a club we've made some great memories already with more to come. We've laughed and had some great times and we've also comforted a number of members during difficult times. Good times and bad times are always better when shared with close friends.

The other day a discussion began regarding just how close we are and that our feelings for each other are similar to a family. Heck, we see each other more often than most families. After 4th of July Wednesday many remarked about withdrawals from not getting the friendship fix for the week.

The cruise to Handyman had good participation from the club. Our group is large enough that we take up a chunk of any area with chairs and people anxious to sit together and share our daily experiences. It was fun to see Deanna hop in the '23 T-Bucket with Nancy and go for a ride. They came back all smiles, so Nancy was either doing some crazy driving or they were just having the usual fun we all have together. This was a good night listening to the many stories from those who went to "Back to the Fifties."

The Lennox evening cruise began as a fun group convoy down the interstate with a gathering at an all-you-can-eat restaurant before pulling out the bag chairs and watching the cars go by. The evening kind of reminded me of the old days at the local drive-in theater sitting around outside the car with your best friends, talking as the movie played in the background. At the beginning of the night the girls all sit in their group and the boys sit together. Then as the evening progressed we all sat together admiring the sweet rides and chuckling at some of the strange things cruising down Main Street.

The Wednesday cruise-in at Driveline Service was a big hit also. More than 70 cars showed up and the line of people waiting for sliced pork loin was huge. Mike, Lori and their volunteers did a wonderful job of accommodating the crowd. I'm sure the fund-raiser was a success with the Siouxland Car Council matching the proceeds from the evening meal. Jerry provided the entertainment as "Mr. Music." The numerous cars, wonderful people and great food on a cool summer evening made for a great time.

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 Streetrodders' family. Helen, our secretary, has been doing a wonderful job with the email network keeping us all informed. The shows and cruises I outlined are only a portion of the busy past July 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.



This Child Will Not Leave The Nest

Terry and Sandy Peterson bought their 1972 Dodge Charger SE brand new in 1972 at Duke Tufty Dodge in Sioux Falls, and have kept the car in pristine condition since.

The original vinyl top and interior still look like they did in 1972, and the engine compartment is very clean. The original 400 c.i. engine has never been apart, nor out of the car. The original AM radio with the optional speaker in the rear seat still works, he noted. However, the most expensive option on the car, the air conditioning, is not presently working, but he hopes to correct that. The unrestored car has just simply been well taken care of.

“We’ve pretty much kept it nice,” Terry said.

The only major improvement they’ve done is one repaint of the original color.

When they bought the car, it was Sandy’s daily driver, while Terry had a company car for his transportation. However, right from the start they tried to keep the wear and tear on their Charger under control, using the company car whenever they could, including the family vacations.

In 1980 the car went into storage, although it wasn’t neglected.

“I drove it once in a while to keep it loose,” Terry said.

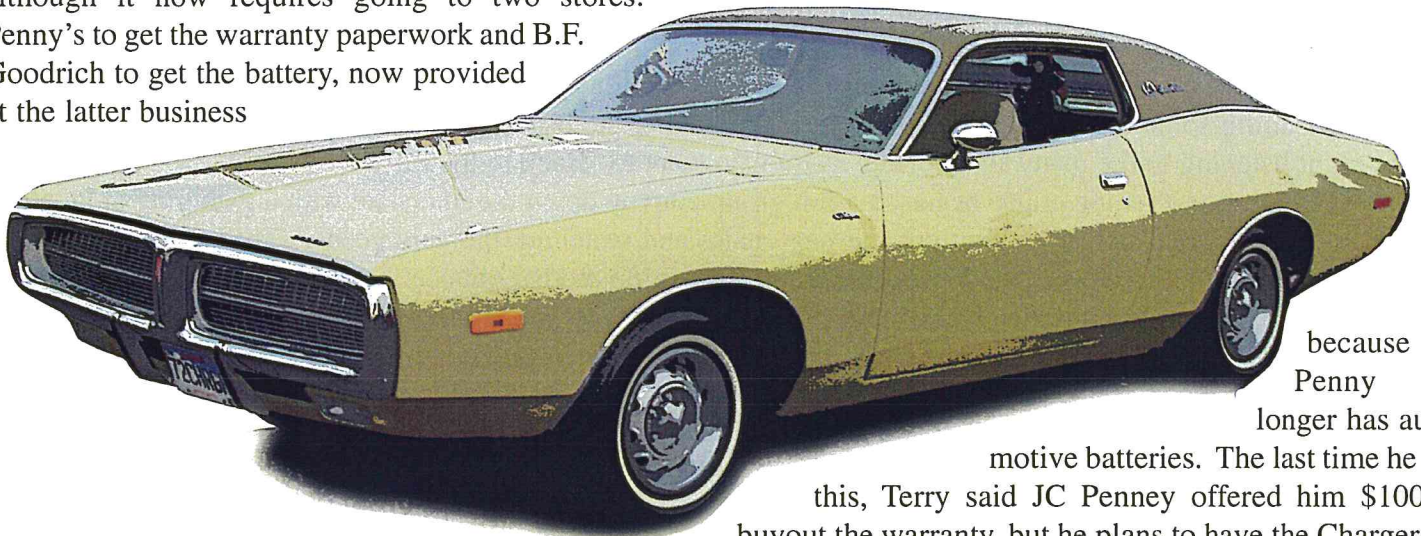
Then in 1994 it came back out of storage and was cleaned up. Since then it has become their recreation vehicle, taking them not on camp-outs but to those old car cruises and shows that are more fun than staring at camp fires.

There are some advantages to keeping a car for a long period of time, and Terry saw a good one when it became time to replace the original battery. He bought one at JC Penny, back when that store still had an automotive department, because it came with a lifetime warranty. Terry hasn’t had to buy a new battery for the car since, although it now requires going to two stores:

Penny’s to get the warranty paperwork and B.F.

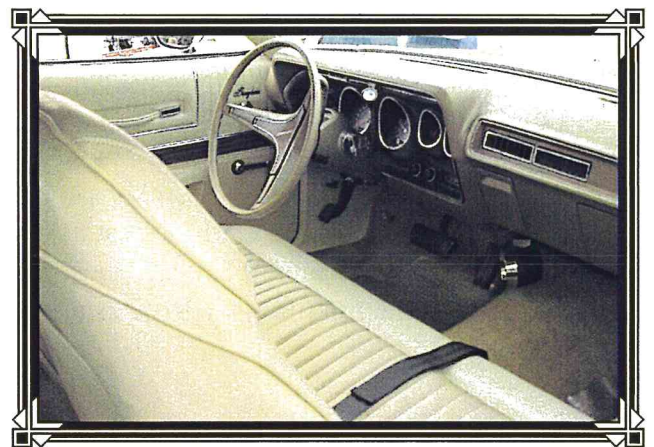
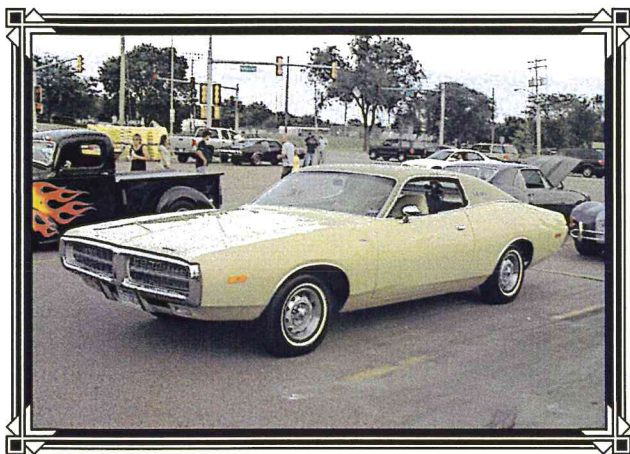
Goodrich to get the battery, now provided

at the latter business



because JC Penny no longer has automotive batteries. The last time he did this, Terry said JC Penney offered him \$100 to buyout the warranty, but he plans to have the Charger for many more years, so he refused and insisted on the promised new battery – again. They don’t like it, but they’re honoring the 30-year-old warranty, he said.

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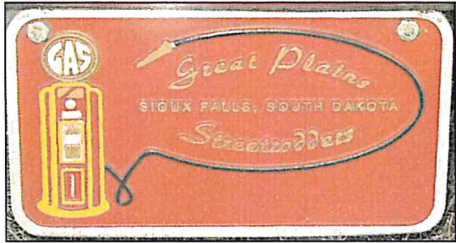
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Of course, there are some maintenance improvements that become necessary over time besides the occasional battery.

"I just finally broke down and put dual exhaust on it," Terry said. "I put Dynaflores (mufflers) on it so it makes a little noise."

After owning the car for 32 years, it has become part of the family, and Terry and Sandy expect it to be one family member that stays in the nest with them.

"It's kind of the family pet now," Terry said.



Shazing The Sorrow

The Great Plains Streetrodders offer condolences to Jim & Jayne DeBoer at the loss of their grandson.

Thanks Goes Out

A special thank you to The Greatplains Streetrodders for the memorial gift, cards, thoughts and prayers at the loss of our Mother / Mother In Law , Mildred Patterson. We find strength in your faith and comfort in God's love & peace knowing we have friends like you. Mike and Lori Paulson

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 – 1961 Corvair Rampside pickup truck, flat opposed 6 cylinder rear engine, needs restoration, \$1,000.00 OBO. Call Terry Peterson at 361-2357 or cell359-5386.

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

Not Getting Any Better

A man was just waking up from anesthesia after surgery, and his wife was sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're beautiful." Then he fell asleep again. His wife had never heard him say that before, so she stayed by his side.

A few minutes later his eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're cute."

The wife was disappointed because instead of "beautiful," it was now "cute." She asked, "What happened to beautiful?"

The man replied, "The drugs are wearing off."



Upcoming Cruises & Events

July 20-22 – Hot Summer Nights Rod Run at Norfolk, Neb.

July 22 – cruise to Feys' farm in Edgerton, MN

July 25 – cruise to Marty's in Del Rapids

July 27-28 -- Impact In The Park at Humboldt (impact@unitelsd.com)

July 29 – Montrose Body Shop cruise to Montrose at 4 p.m. (359-1994 for info)

Aug. 1 – cruise to HyVee on Minnesota Ave.

Aug. 8 – grill out at Sherman Park

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 – Bethany Meadows in Brandon

Aug. 29 – cruise to Executive Touch (tentative)

Sept. 5 – cruise to HyVee on Minnesota Ave.

Sept. 9 – cruise to Watertown

Sept. 16 – El Riad Classic Autos cruise

Sept. 23 – cruise to HyVee on E. 10th St.

Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to Doug and Karen Walker and their family. Doug's step-dad, Arnold Berg, passed away on Sunday, July 8th - Doug was very close to his step-dad.

July Birthday

Pat Bruining 3
Karen Roe 3
Eric Anderson 8
Myron Kuper 8
Jan Malcomb 10
Doug Krouse 11
Karen Walker 12
Nancy Snyder 15
Betty Jones 17
Roger VanNoort 20
"Bones" Hanson 21
Kirk Lee 23
Terry Peterson 25
Barb Buchanan 29
Gary Bockorny 30
Art Slumskie 31

July Anniversary

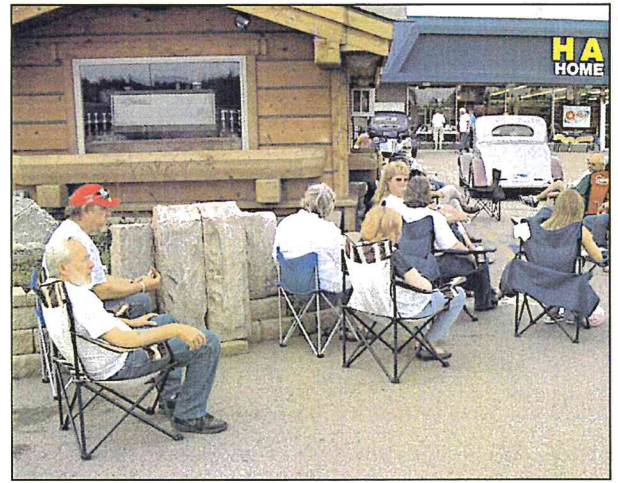
Jim & Julie Hansen 2
Roger & Diane Corkill 11
Tom & Joyce Olsen 19
Rick & Chris Johnson 28
Art & Julie Slumskie 31

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



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.

