



# *Cruisin' News*

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## *Are We Having Fun Yet? You Bet!*

By Clay Seachris  
The president's message

Cruising season is here and the car events are in full swing. The weather was nice enough for many events to be successful. This year's weather has been just as unpredictable as most, but the events so far seem to have been blessed.

I enjoyed visiting the Spring Swap meet at the Sioux Empire Fair Grounds. Many people buying and selling parts for their projects appreciated Doug Walker's efforts on this event. Numerous visitors shared they had missed a local swap meet focused on the average car guy building a project. There were a number of club members with full sections of parts for sale in the morning and by the end of the day had very little to take back home. Many were impressed and shared they would be looking forward to next year with hopes this would again be an annual growing event.

The South Dakota Parent Connection car show was another event that seemed to be successful. Amazing to have a snowstorm during the week and a successful outdoor car show on the weekend. The local race fans enjoyed seeing their favorite drivers and racecars freshly painted and ready for the season. The Cruise-In magazine had pictures of Great Plains Streetrodders' cars at the event and I talked to many members in attendance. We did a good job of supporting this worthy fund-raiser and I hope they met expectations for the show.

The Papik Motors car show was another fun little show this year. Free food and a nice sunny day brought out a number of Great Plains Streetrodders. We had fun trying to sell a Chrysler 300 for the dealership. I know now to remember and pack the bag chairs and sunscreen again.

Bag chairs are also a mainstay of the Wednesday night gatherings. The gatherings have been great so far with a number of nice evenings. Sitting around with great friends on a cool summer evening is always enjoyable.

Remember to share our website [www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com) with fellow car enthusiasts and email your club photos to [webmaster@greatplainsstreetrodders.com](mailto: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.



## *Sometimes The Kids Come Back Home ...*

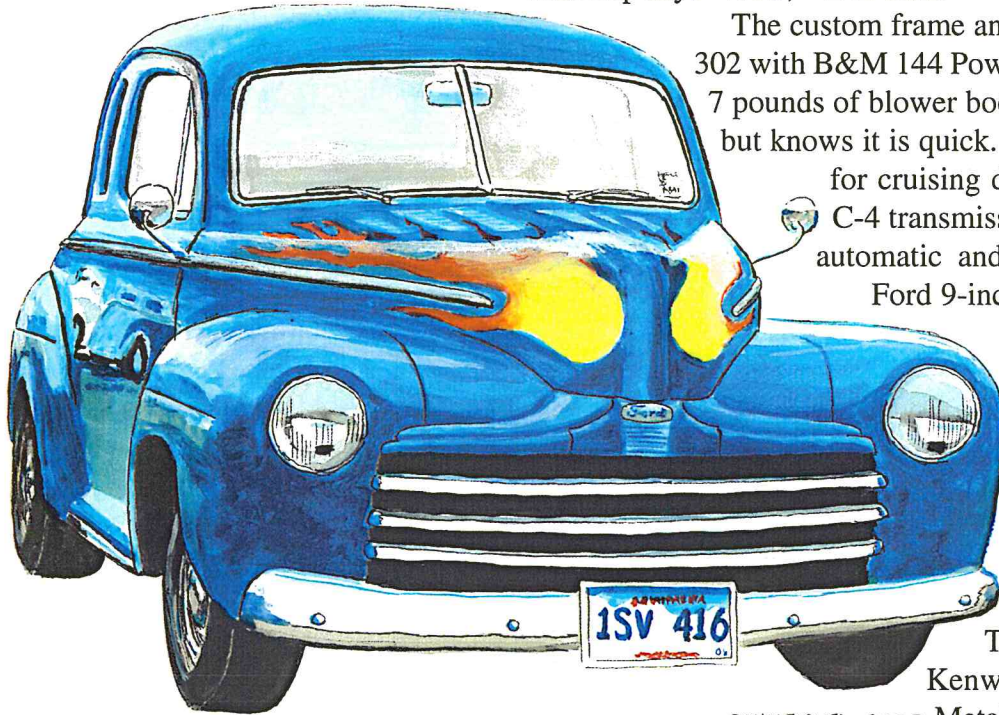
There's something familiar to Bill Kullander about the 1947 Ford Club Coupe street rod he and Lana bought on Christmas Eve from Randy DeBoer in 2002.

"It's supposed to be my old high school car, but I can't prove it," he said.

He said a couple friends were able to trace the car's history and are certain that it is the same car. But at some time while sitting in a grove of trees the VIN number was cut off for use on a different car.

A lot has changed on the Ford since Bill was in high school. Back then his '47 Ford had dual exhaust, 15-inch Ford rims on the front with 1940 Ford hub caps and beauty rings and 16-inch rims on the rear with no hub caps, and it still held its stock flat-head V-8 motor. That's not what Bill drives today.

It was rebuilt locally by Kent Malcolm, son of club members Roger & Jan Malcom, in 1992. The suspension and frame were built by club member Bob Schreiber. "Everybody that gets underneath it and looks at the workmanship says 'Wow,'" Bill said.



The custom frame and Mustang II front end hold a Ford 302 with B&M 144 Powercharger that produce 365 hp with 7 pounds of blower boost. Bill says he has never raced it, but knows it is quick. But to make the car more suitable for cruising down the highway, he swapped the C-4 transmission for a Ford AOD – EW/4R70W automatic and put Richmond 355 gears in the Ford 9-inch rear end.

"I've done a lot of things to it since I bought the car," Bill said.

The most recent changes, besides the new transmission, include cutting louvers into the hood, and having flames painted on the hood. He has received a lot of compliments on the new look.

The color of the car is a 1992 Kenworth color called Electron Blue SCHMIDTCH 2007 Metallic (Imron Paint).

Inside the Mustang II buckets seats up front are done in a medium blue cloth, and he said it is very comfortable to drive and ride in. The rear seat is part of the reason he bought this car. Bill said he likes the style of the Ford coupes of the 1940s but wanted something with a rear seat so he could take his grandchildren for rides.

"In high school I've owned every '40 Ford except the woody wagon. 1940 was my favorite Ford, and still is," Bill said.

"A '47 has a longer and wider wheelbase, so it's much more stable going down the road," he added.

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The style of the car with its sweeping lines holds his appeal even more than the link to his high school memories, he said. Although Ford called it a Five-Passenger Sedan Coupe, this style is better known as a club coupe, he noted.

But as a true hotrodder, Bill recognizes there are always improvements to be made to a stock old Ford. This one is nosed and decked with Blue-Dot tail-lights but has stock side chrome moldings and door handles. It also features air conditioning and heat, blue tinted windows, power steering, power disc brakes in front, oversized shoes in rear, third rear-brake light, headers, dual exhaust and chrome custom wheels.

"It's a super looking street rod with the right stance that moves out very rapidly. It is rattle free, along with a nice smooth ride," Bill said.



## 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

WANTED -- The Siouxland Car Council is looking for a small enclosed trailer, similar to moving, motorcycle or snowmobile trailer. Contact Kevin Kappenman or Don Jones.

FOR SALE -- Streetrod wheels with tires, mounted & balanced. Wheels are chrome directionals with Goodyear Decathlon Tires (4000 miles on tires).

Sizes are: front - Mirage 14" x 7 41/2", 5 hole, rear - Mirage 15" x 7 41/2", 5 hole, all with lug nuts & center caps with chrome valve stems. Tire sizes are:

Front - 195 75R 14", rear - 235 75R 15", all for \$300.00 OBO. Call 361-8494 or 351-1166.

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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)





## Upcoming Cruises & Events

May 18-20 -- MSRA Spring Campout at Garden City, MN  
May 20 – Car Hop 5-7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Harrisburg.  
May 20 - Willmar Car Show, Willmar, MN  
May 23 – HyVee at E. 26th & Sycamore.  
May 23 – Auto Body Specialties Show and Shine at 5 p.m.  
May 25 - 27 - MidAmerica Street Rod Nationals, Springfield, MO  
May 26 – Classic Car Show & Shine at Worthington, MN 11 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
May 28 – Cruise to Sonic drive-in 4 p.m.  
May 30 – VA car show  
June 1-2 – Buffalo Days at Luverne, MN  
June 1-2 – Sioux Center Classic Cruisers Car Show  
June 1-3 – Wheel Jam at SD State Fairgrounds, Huron  
June 2 – Harrisburg’s 2nd Annual Car Show 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Home Federal Plaza  
June 3 - Cars in the Park Car Show 10-4pm Mitchell, SD  
June 3 – Wheelz Open House 109 N. Heritage Rd, Brandon, 1 p.m. - ?  
June 6 – Cruise to HyVee on Minnesota Ave.  
June 8 – Poker Run beginning at Brandon True Value Hardware 6-7 p.m.  
June 13 – Cruise to HyVee on 26th St. & Marion Rd.  
June 16 – Tearin Around in Tea Car Show 1-4 p.m. on Brian St.  
June 16 – Marion Car Show & Shine 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
June 20 – Automania Downtown SF  
June 27 – Cruise to Handy Man

June 30 – Pipestone (MN) Car Show 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (pre-registration only)  
July 4 – Cruise to HyVee on Minnesota Ave.  
July 11 – Cruise to Driveline Service  
July 18 – Cruise to HyVee at 49th & Louise.  
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)  
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. 22 – Bethany Meadows in Brandon  
Aug. 29 – Cruise to Executive Touch  
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.

## Trying To See The Doctor

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had.

Bubba said, "Shingles."

So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had.

Bubba said, "Shingles."

So she wrote down his height,

weight, a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room. A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had.

Bubba said, "Shingles."

So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor. An hour later the doctor came in and asked Bubba what he had.

Bubba said, "Shingles."

The doctor asked, "Where?"

Bubba said, "Outside on the truck. Where do you want them?"



## 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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com) or look for him around his 1961 Ford Thunderbird or 1951 Chevy sedan delivery.







## *Cars In The Park Car Show*

The Country Travelers from Mitchell are having their annual CARS IN THE PARK Car Show again this year. The show will be at Hitchcock Park, Mitchell, SD on Sunday, June 3rd.

Registration is 10 until noon Show noon until 4:00. Awards for top 25.

Refreshments and Bar-B-Q Pork Sandwiches will be available.

## *May Birthdays*

Marc Green- 5/4  
 Cheryl VanNoort- 5/5  
 Bob Thoen- 5/11  
 Ron Heemstra- 5/23  
 Jerry Phillips- 5/24  
 Audrey Jorgenson- 5/27  
 Roxie Ebright- 5/28  
 Virgene Schrader- 5/29

## *May Anniversaries*

Brad & Darla Goebel- 5/4  
 Dale & Sandy Heither- 5/7  
 Kent & Terri Reilly- 5/9  
 Mike & Sheila Miller- 5/17  
 Ken & Barb Buchanan- 5/27

## *June Birthdays*

Dennis Eliason- 6/2  
 Tommy Little- 6/9  
 Ruby Johnson- 6/12  
 Grace Lee- 6/13  
 David Robinson- 6/15  
 Brad Goebel- 6/16  
 Dale Bruining- 6/20  
 Mike Paulson- 6/20  
 Mary Ramstad- 6/21  
 Denny Heidebrink- 6/22  
 Ruth Kuper- 6/24

## *June Anniversaries*

Brian & Grace Lee- 6/4  
 Mike & Lori Paulson- 6/4  
 Ron & Lynn Hammerschmidt- 6/10  
 Clay & Susan Seachris- 6/10  
 Gary & Audrey Jorgenson- 6/11  
 Dale & Pat Bruining- 6/19

## *Grandma In Court*

Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grand-motherly, elderly woman to the stand.

He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attor-

ney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The defense attorney almost died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you to the electric chair."



## *Bet the Farm in July*

Mark your calendars for a day at the farm July 22.

Norm & Ethelyn Fey are inviting members of the Great Plains Streetrodders to cruise to their farm in Edgerton, MN, for a joint event with the Rock River rods.

There will be a lot more to see there than farm animals.



