



# Cruisin' News

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## *Weather Or Not You're Ready...*

Easter is always the local opener for the car show season. This year it was much the same, wondering about the unpredictable weather and finding time for friends, family and Easter dinner.

Early spring has been very unpredictable this year. We've experienced 80-degree weather and then back down to snowy days. I talked to the SD Parent Connection coordinator and they were relying upon a successful fund-raising car show for April 14. Best wishes to all show coordinators as we try to have a successful cruising season.

Luckily the Easter Car Show is always indoors and many club members enjoyed camping out together for the weekend inside. There are always fun times when the Great Plains Street Rodders get together. The laughs and conversation at the Easter Car Show seemed to never end. Just when you think you can relax a little someone in the group wakes you up by starting up their "headers-only" race car during the evening show. When the car was shut down, it brought out a roar of approval from all the clapping, laughing and yelling spectators. I chuckle even now from the little, old lady standing in front of our "Cobra Pit" display at the time of this race car's cackling roar. I suppose she thought an airplane flew too low and crashed through the building. While most people were rushing to see this roaring beast, she crouched down and covered her ears until that frightful noise subsided. Then came a waft of a perfume that all hard-core race fans enjoy. What is it about a hint of racing fuel? Too bad all gas doesn't smell that sweet and pure. Fans of every sport have their sights, sounds and smells. Hotrodders have theirs also and I'm sure you're thinking of the ones you love as you read this message.

The first issue of the Siouxland Car Council's Cruise-In magazine is published and available. Over 500 copies of 2007 issue #1 have already been distributed. The Great Plains Street Rodders club has many representatives putting in immense amounts of volunteer time to get this rolling and keep the publication active. The Great Plains Street Rodders should be proud of their members working on this fund-raising venture. I am especially grateful to Brad and Darla Goebel for their volunteer time invested in the success of this magazine. Please contact Brad and email him any articles you have or help compile the issues. Many hands make light work and it's fun to work with such great people fund-raising for local children's charities. The magazine looks great. It's full of interesting articles and good pictures. A common question from people viewing our cars is whom do we get to work on my hobby car? The Cruise-In Magazine has been my reference since it began. There are numerous vendors available to make their dream car a reality.

Best wishes during this unpredictable spring cruise season. Remember to email your member photos of cruising and car shows to our new Internet web site at [webmaster@greatplainsstreetrodders.com](mailto:webmaster@greatplainsstreetrodders.com) or check out what's new at [www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com).





## *A Benefit From Impatience*

Richard Munce and Lenette Gregersen have been working on converting a 1931 Ford Model A five-window coupe into a hotrod. They've had it for seven years, and that's a long time to wait for a fun old machine.

Last year they decided they couldn't wait any longer. They bought a 1964 Chevrolet Malibu convertible to enjoy during the interim period. And now that Model A is going to have a high standard to meet when it's finished to be as much fun as the Chevy.

They bought the Chevy last August, north of Minneapolis, MN. Unlike their Model A, it was in great shape and ready to enjoy from day one.

"We drive it and enjoy it," Richard said. "It's definitely easier to buy something than to build it."

But it all started back in the year 2000, when they bought the Model A out of Portland, ND. They previous owner had it for 30 years with intentions of restoring it, but never got it done. Still, they were able to drive it for two years in its stock configuration with the four-cylinder motor, but it still needed some attention.

Then Richard started tearing it apart to make the hotrod he was dreaming of. He bought a new chassis that would work with the modifications he had in mind and removed the body from its original chassis. From there, time constraints made the build go slow, so he took it to a shop to have more of the work done and it just ended up sitting there. Finally, he took it to Westergard Hotrods, where it is beginning to be transformed into his dream car.

But in the meantime that left him without an old car to cruise in. So, he found an old sedan body, cut it into a tub and mounted it on the original chassis with the four cylinder motor.

"That was a good parade car, good for poker runs, that tub car," he said.

While he said it was a lot of fun, it was still just a four-cylinder Model A.

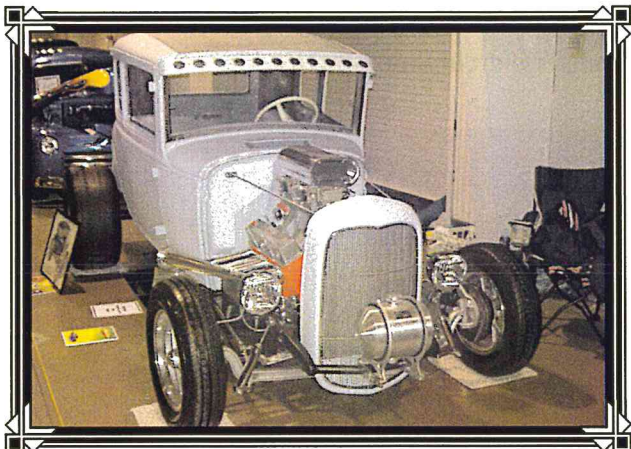
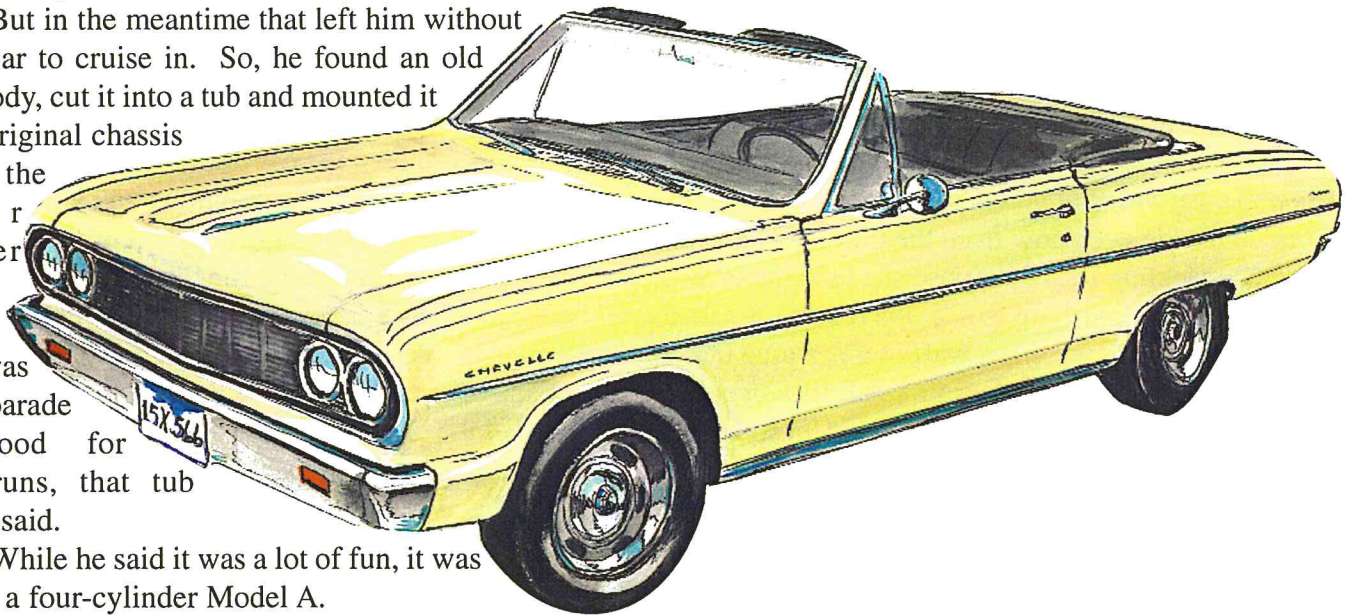
Last summer they sold it and stepped up to a Chevy.

They chose the Malibu in part because it was still old enough to get into Back to the 50s, the large, annual car show in St. Paul. But also because they're partial to the Chevelles.

"I just always liked them. I've had Chevelles before," Richard said.

But the clincher was the color. When they saw it in an advertisement and saw it was yellow with a white top,

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## Classified ads

Lanette remarked about how the colors matched the yellow and white colors of the new house they had recently moved into, almost perfectly.

"When it's sitting in the driveway, it really looks good," Richard said.

But it also has the punch that was lacking in the four-banger they had been using the past few years.

"It'll get 30 feet of rubber out of first gear in a heart beat," Richard grinned.

The Malibu is completely stock, with a 283 c.i. power-plant and manual four-speed transmission.

But the real power will come out when the Model A coupe is done. It will have a Chevy 350 with a steel crank, four-bolt main, 202 heads, pumped-up cam, two four-barrel carburetors and a tunnel ram. In addition, it has a Borg Warner Rock Crusher four-speed transmission and a nine-inch Ford rear end with 355 gears.

"It's built to jam gears," Richard said with a smile.

And he added, "It's channeled and bobbed, but not chopped." In having it channeled, it was done in a way so he could keep the rumble seat.

It's still got a ways to go. It needs wiring, windows, paint and an interior.

But while that's being done, he and Lanette will be enjoying their '64 Chevelle. And even when the Model A is completed, the Malibu will be around to give them a choice to go in a coupe or top down, and whether they want to lay 30-foot patches or 30-mile patches.

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 Lightning diecast car. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)





## *Don't Drink Too Much*

Patty staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking Buddy, Mick.

He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Brigit. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Patty sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Patty woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Brigit staring at him from across the room. She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you Patty?"

Patty said, "Why you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Brigit said, "it could be the open front door; it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs; it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house; it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly...

"it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror."



## *The First Grill Out Is Set*

A conflict in the club's schedule is resolved, and everyone is encouraged to attend the Siouxland Car Council's first grill out.

The Council has scheduled its first grill-out of the 2007 summer cruising season for April 25. The Great Plains Streetrodders had scheduled a cruise to the Sonic drive-in for the same day, but the latter has been postponed to May 28.

The grill-out will be held at the new Hyvee on Minnesota Ave. by 39th Street. This is a location familiar to many as it is also by Dareo's Pizza, the starting location of cruises in previous years.

The cruise will also help celebrate the opening of the new Hyvee store by the gathering of our street rods and antique cars.

In the event of inclement weather, the grill-out will be changed to the Royal Fork restaurant behind the Empire Mall. But all are hoping for a nice show-and-shine with dinner grilled out under sunny skies.

The cruise to the Sonic hamburger drive-in has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. May 28, Memorial Day. This will provide a perfect way to top off a holiday weekend.

The new Sonic is next to the Sportsman's Warehouse on Louise Ave. Sonic has an agreement with Sportsman's Warehouse to use their parking lot for overflow when hosting car clubs, and Sonic employees will come to our cars to take our orders, then deliver our food, no matter how far away we have to park. Bring lawn chairs to provide a place to sit, especially if you don't want to eat in your classic car.

## *Go Back To The '50s Locally*

For those who want to go back to the '50s but don't want to drive to St. Paul and don't want to wait until June, the El Riad Shrine is ready to hook you up.

The El Riad Shrine's Classic Autos Club will present the Rockin' '50s Party 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12.

There will be 60 parking spots in front of the shrine on Phillips Ave. near 14th Street in Sioux Falls reserved for antique cars and street rods. Inside the shrine there will be barbecue pork loin with trimmings served 6:30 – 8 p.m. and dancing to Myron Lee for a 1950s and '60s party. Those attending are encouraged to dress in period clothing.

The cost will be \$10 per person.

## *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.







## Share the Bull at Luverne

A cruise-in, parade, auction and swap meet are among the activities planned for car enthusiasts at the annual Buffalo Days celebration in Luverne, MN.

The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for muscle cars, classics, street rods, antique cars, Corvettes or anything else produced in 1975 or before that you might drive for participation in the planned events.

Among the activities planned is a Cruise-in 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 1, in downtown Luverne. There will be music, food, prizes and special parking.

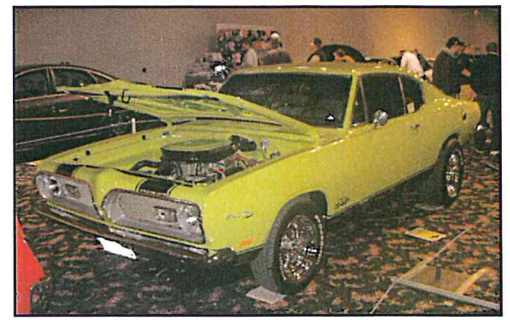
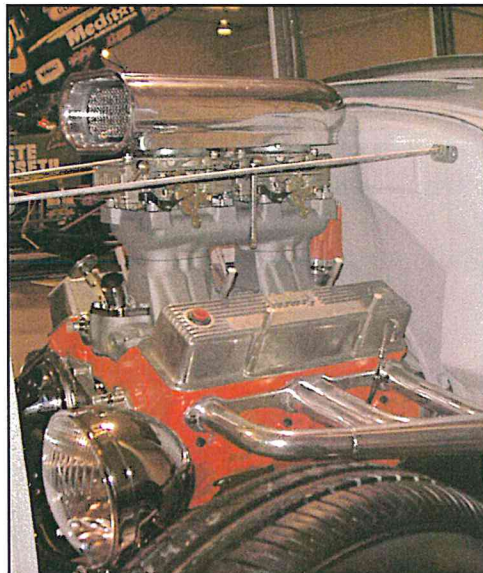
A parade is planned for Saturday morning, and to make it an extra special parade, the chamber of commerce is hoping to have plenty of old cars in it. The parade will start at 10 a.m. on Main Street.

Also scheduled for Saturday is a swap meet and auction at the Verne Drive-In just north of Luverne. The Nordstrom/Vanderbrink Classic Car Auction & Swap Meet will open the gates at 7:30 a.m. and begin the auction of classic and antique cars at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact the chamber of commerce at 507-283-4061 or email them at [luvernechamber@iw.net](mailto:luvernechamber@iw.net).

## Upcoming Cruises & Events

- April 18 – The Keg on E. 26th St.
- April 25 – grill out at new HyVee on Minnesota Ave. (or Royal Fork if weather is bad)
- May 2 – HyVee on Minnesota Ave.
- May 9 – Pizza Ranch at Canton
- May 12 – Rockin’ 50s Party at El Riad Shrine
- May 16 – Midwest Golf (tentative)
- May 23 – HyVee at E. 26th & Sycamore sts.
- 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 2 – Harrisburg’s 2nd Annual Car Show 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Home Federal Plaza
- June 3 – Wheelz Open House 109 N. Heritage Rd, Brandon, 1 p.m. - ?
- June 6 – cruise to HyVee on Minnesota Ave.
- 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
- 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 sts.
- July 25 – cruise to Marty’s in Del Rapids
- July 27-28 -- Impact In The Park at Humboldt ([impact@unitelsd.com](mailto: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 (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.





## *April Birthdays*

Lynda Robinson- 4/2  
Jim Deboer- 4/10  
Junie Herschberger- 4/15  
Patt Anderson- 4/16  
Lana Kullander- 4/16  
Larry Olson- 4/16  
Gary Jorgenson- 4/21  
Sandy Christians- April 22  
Roger Malcomb- 4/24  
Sandy Peterson- 4/26  
Kent Reilly- 4/27  
Jackie Heemstra- 4/28

## *April Anniversaries*

Don & Betty Jones- 4/2  
Dean & Joyce Gough Sr.- 4/17  
Don & Helen Jensen- 4/21  
Lee & Mary Ramstad- 4/24  
Jim & Jayne DeBoer- 4/25  
Bob & Barb Schriever- 4/26  
Jerry & Lynda Robinson- 4/26

## *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



Don and Helen Jensen  
1204 Holly Drive  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

April 11, 2007

Dear Don and Helen,

I am sending this note per my conversation today with Helen about the Car Hop. We are having our annual event on May 20<sup>th</sup> this year!!

We had such a great time with classic cars last year that we thought we'd create a **special** parking area for **special** cars!!!

Please consider this an invitation for your group to come enjoy the festivities down South. Please join us in praying for awesome weather, as well!!!

Thanks so much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica D. Stahl'.

Erica D. Stahl  
Youth Director

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## *Dentists Would Like This Plaque*

There is still time to get a Great Plains Streetrodders car plaque.

The metal plaque, which features our club's name and logo, is about the same size as a license plate. It was designed to look similar to the car club plaques that were popular in the 1950s. They are cast in aluminum for light weight, but have a hefty look to them.

Doug Walker is heading up this purchase of club plaques. It is necessary to be able to order 50 of them to keep the price down to \$15 each, and the current number of orders has not yet reached that.

Anyone interested in having one is encouraged to contact Doug and get their order in soon. Doug can be reached at 529-5716.

