



Cruisin' News

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We Cruised, Parked and Ate

As hosts of the grill-out and car show at Bethany Meadows east of Brandon our success was beyond our projections. The senior living facility's marketing department did a wonderful job of getting the word out. The event parking lot overflowed, and we saw all kinds of cars and met many new people for the first time.

Kevin and I gathered supplies for this event and the club purchased approximately \$1,000 of groceries for an estimated crowd of 200. Luckily, Brandon is close because Terry and Kevin took two additional quick trips to the store for more burgers, buns and other groceries. In the end we served around 330 people donating their dinner purchase proceeds to a local children's charity. Thank you so much to more than 25 club volunteers working together grilling, baking and serving this successful event.

The annual Great Plains Street Rodders weenie roast at Ron and Karen's was another memorable social. The club provided the hotdogs, buns and soft drinks and the rest was potluck. The weather was perfect for enjoying the company of friends around the fire. Don and Ron started the night off with fresh popcorn. As usual I ate too many hotdogs and desserts, so only had room for a single roasted marshmallow. Bob brought out his telescope and many enjoyed a glance at the man on the moon. We also took the time to see the latest updates on Ron's build. On behalf of the club, thank you Ron and Karen for hosting this event again.

I'm aware of seven couples that attended the Good Guys' Midwestern Nationals at the Kansas Speedway. Susan and I took the Cobra down and met Bob and Sandy with their '40 Chevy. Our cars were among an estimated 3,000 hotrods as part of this year's show. Our big highlight was taking a couple laps in our cars on the speedway. That was awesome but our speeds did not compare to what Fred, Nancy and Jules got to experience by riding shotgun in a 2-seat stock car for a 3-lap NASCAR run at speeds exceeding 150 mph. The long weekend was great and it was so much fun sharing laughs with friends and enjoying the event.

The Great Plains Street Rodders also hosted an ice-cream social, cruise at the Children's Home Society. We shared our cars and root beer floats with everyone and left the children with Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars. You may see the other items on their wish list at www.chssd.org. I was very impressed with the intelligent questions and good conversation these children made for the evening. I usually use our logo'd note cards as a thank you card, but this time I was impressed enough to include a letter to the children thanking them and letting them know we're planning on returning next year.

Our cruising season is winding down and will move indoors and rely upon the new Meet-N-Eat Committee to plan our cruising off-season Wednesday night dinners. The summer; with all the fun cruising and sharing of our awesome rides, is matched well with great fellowship and friendship building at our winter evening dinners. We've had a great summer together and much of it is captured in photos. Our website www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com always has updates and the webmaster link is a great place to email your club member photos. Betty is always glad to get printed photos also for the club photo albums. Regardless of the season, the fun, memory making and friendships never end as Great Plains Street Rodders.



This Barn Find Needed A Lot of Work - And It Got It

When Ike and Doreen Wiese first got their 1935 Chevy Standard two-door sedan in 1998, it was in need of a lot of work. Although it had set in a barn for about 30 years, even with that protection from the elements, time had not been good to this car. But that was about to change.

What it had to offer was a good frame, body, grill shell, front fenders and headlight nacelles. And most of the wood framing in the body was still strong. That was good enough for Ike.

He chopped the roof two inches and used the roof from a junk 1961 Chevy station wagon to give it a solid roof. "It worked pretty good because the ribs (on the '61 Chevy roof) are in the right place," he said.

The vent windows were removed to give it a solid window in the doors and he purchased fiberglass rear fenders to replace the beat-up originals. His son rebuilt a Chevy 350 for him to install, and he put 1985 Corvette aluminum heads on it. "It's got a tri-power I built myself," he added. "It has all the power I need," he said.

It also features a Mustang II front-end, eight-inch Ford rear-end, power windows, power seats, air conditioning, cruise control and an AM/FM CD stereo system.

Front seats from a 1992 Buick Regal and a rear seat from a 1975 Blazer were reupholstered by Marty's of Del Rapids for this car, and the rest of the interior was done by Jim Gonyo of Madison. The Viper Yellow Chevy was finished off with stainless steel bumpers from Rock Valley.

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Ike spent four years putting the car together. He has previously won many awards for two 1957 Chevys he had built in the past, but he called them "trailer queens," and said this one was built to drive.

"As soon as I got it running, I took it out to the Black Hills," he said. "It got me there and back. I can drive it anywhere."

"It's just enjoyable to drive."

The Most Members Attending

The Great Plains Street Rodders won an award for "Best Club Participation" at the Vintiques, Watertown Rod Run last weekend.

We had 20 registered member cars at the rod run and barely outnumbered the more visible Hotrod Hoodlums from central Minnesota, who had 18 cars. There were many other clubs registering good member support numbers also.

The Hotrod Hoodlums are a great bunch of people with some cool cars, club apparel and other logo items. They all camped together at the park and rallied around a club logo'd banner.

The Great Plains Street Rodders do our best to support this quality rod run and continue to wish the Vintiques Car Club all the best. They do an awesome job coordinating and working at this show. The support from the City of Watertown and its retailers really welcome car enthusiasts for a fun weekend by the lake and downtown during the show. The Vintiques Rod Run had just over 350 registered cars for the three day event.

Club member, Sarah Stokes won the downtown merchant's walking poker

hand with a full-house. She received numerous items from the Watertown retailers. Congratulations Sarah!

I was proud to accept the "Best Club Participation" award on behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders. Susan and I are glad to have such good friends and be part of such a great group of people.

Thank you.

Clay Seachris, '08 GPSR President

Thanks Expressed

Dear Street Rodders,

We don't have to tell you what a huge success our car show was on August 13.

We can't thank you enough for all your hard work. Without your hard work this would not be possible. Thanks again, our residents love you! See you next year!

Laura Kuehl
Marketing & Admissions
Coordinator
Bethany Meadows

Dear Fellow Great Plains

Streetrodders:

Rob and I would like to thank all of the members of the Great Plains Street Rodders for the thoughtful memorial donation. We appreciate all your thoughts and prayers for us on the passing of Rob's dad.

It is nice to know that we have joined a great club with such thoughtful and caring people in it.

A very heartfelt thanks to all,
Rob Baatz and Amanda Mullinex

Visual Affect Gone Astray

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup - dead. Fourth worm in good clean soil - alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What can you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine, who was setting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service.

More New Members

The Great Plains Streetrodders continue to grow with the following automtovie enthusiasts having joined the ranks.

Morris & Beth Fick, 1019 - 71st Street, Luverne, MN 56156; home phone: 507-182-8006 and cell phone: 507-227-9093; his birthday is 2/17 and her birthday is 1/12; their wedding anniversary is 12/1; email: www.bmfick@myclearwave.net; their cars are a 1957 Chevy Belair, 1969 Chevy Camero, 1970 Chevy Chevelle and a 1967 Chevy Chevelle.

Marlo & Shirley Jones, 45286 - 276th Street, Parker, SD 57053; home phone: 605-297-2250 and cell phones: 605-201-4081, 605-201-4152; his birthday is 12/7 and her continued on page 4

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birthday is 4/8; their wedding anniversary is 10/9; email: www.mjsj10999@iw.net; their cars is a 1959 Ford Ranchero.

Pick A Place

The club is looking for this cruising off-season's meet-n-eat coordinators. We are looking for 2 couples to work together and plan the Wednesday dinner gathering locations.

Tentative starting date is September 24, 2008 and planning until April 22, 2009. These dates are coordinated somewhat with the Siouxland Car Council, so we don't overlap.

This is a tremendous strength of the Great Plains Street Rodders and we really grow our friendships and make memories during the long Dakota winter. We have many veteran coordinators to help some new volunteers.

This year it was suggested to have 2 couples handle to task, so please contact one of the club officers if you would be interested.

September Birthdays

Jayne DeBoer	1
Chuck Kellogg	2
Jeannie Ogle	4
David Frock	6
Fred Snyder	7
Julie Slumskie	10
Linda Elliott	11
Dianne Corkell	12
Sheila Miller	14
Justin Hanson	18
Audrey Remme	20
Kris Golden	21
Sherrey Kellogg	25
Dale Kiebach	26
Bill Kullander	30

September Anniversaries

Kevin & Cheri Kappenman	6
Kirk & Michelle Lee	7
"Bones" & Candi Hanson	11
Jason & Shanda Schlechter	13
Leonard & Carla Rhoades	15
Jason & Christina Jellis	15
Terry & Kathy Koch	16
Garry & Audrey Remme	19
Tom & Linda Elliott	26
Jerry & Robin Miller	29

October Birthdays

Jerry Miller	7
Rick Munce	8
Doug Walker	13
Lori Paulson	11
Dale Heither	12
Cindy Pesicka	19
Carla Rhoades	20
Al Alby	22
Fred Gorwill	23
Tom Olsen	28

October Anniversaries

Roger & Jan Malcomb	5
Marlo & Shirley Jones	9
Doug & Karen Walker	13
Fred & Donna Gorwill	16
Bob & Sandy Schmeichel	20
Dwight & Ruby Johnson	20

Upcoming Cruises & Events

- Sept. 13 -- Just For The Halibut feed for at 2 p.m. at Dwight and Ruby Johnson's, 47696, 69th St.
Sept. 18 - Cars Thru The Generations at Sioux Falls
Sept. 26-28 - Outkasts Car Club show in Mitchell

Classified ads

FOR SALE -- 3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end (excellent condition), Holley 650 Double-pump four barrel

carb (needs new power valve), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill Kullander, 605 366-1158

FOR SALE -- 5' x10' trailer with attached loading ramp. Wired with lights and highway tires. \$775.00, call Terry Peterson, 359-5386.

FOR SALE -- NOS 1966 Chevelle rear bumper, still in GMs factory rubberized wrap. I've seen them listed on E-Bay in the \$450-\$500 range. The first \$375.00 cash will own it. Call Jerry at 368-2418 for more details.

FOR SALE - 1959 Chevy promo model, 1/25 scale, black and white two-tone, plastic, chassis and roof are slightly warped. \$10 or best offer. Call Brian Lee at 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

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

