



Cruisin' News

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Seasons Change, the Fun Continues

By Clay Seachris
President's message

As the seasons change, we transition also, but good times still continue. Our new meet-n-eat committee is Ron and Karen Roe and Roger and Cheryl Van Noort. Please support them with ideas and feedback. I really enjoy summer cruising, but also look forward to the rapport of the off-season socials, trivia games, pot-lucks, theme nights, Halloween party, Christmas party and Valentine's party. Leave the hotrod in the garage and join us for this friendship-building, memory-making season. Betty will be sharing the photo albums filled with history and recent photos. All members enjoy this time when fellowship is primary and cars take the back seat to other topics of conversation.



Bethany Meadows was a beautiful evening and members pulled together and hosted a wonderful event. Kevin had a little fender bender while getting supplies earlier in the day, but it did not stop his ever-smiling, positive attitude with all us volunteers, participants, residents and visitors. A grill-out, along with the live band and great weather, really set the atmosphere for a great summer picnic.

We had over 20 cruisers at the Vintiques 30th Annual Rod Run. There were many driving together Friday and the balance cutting their way through some very thick fog in the dark Saturday morning. After the fog burned off, the weather offered a nice late summer weekend. Rob and Amanda had a fuel-pump failure, but otherwise the rod-run was filled with good food, cool cars, cruising and fun.

The club's group photo day and free chilidog picnic on the Roe's acreage was a great gathering of over 40 member cars coordinated in the photo. There were also many good angle pictures taken of individuals with their cars. These photos will all be digitally shared so members may have them printed, framed, used as screensavers or however you wish. Thank you to everyone helping that day to acquire these photos. I especially would like to recognize Craig Lee, who did a great job shooting and currently editing the group photo; two generations of the Jellis family for helping in many ways: Terry & Nancy and Jason & Christine; and Ron & Karen Roe for hosting and also coordinating this group photo shoot.



Why Not a Truck?

If you're looking for an interesting old vehicle to fix up, why not a truck? That was the conclusion that Don and Helen Jensen came to about 7 years ago when they purchased their 1964 Chevy C-10 long bed pickup.

"I was looking for something and didn't know what," Don said, "and Helen said one day 'Why don't you get a truck?'"

Not long after that, Don found the '64 Chevy shown here.

When they bought the C-10, Don intended to simply paint it and use it for a driver. But as they were preparing it for paint, they kept finding little rust spots, and Don wanted it done right, so he felt compelled to fix it up right. They painted it 1969 Camaro yellow with a white top and he was very pleased with the outcome. But it wasn't originally going to be yellow.

"I kind of wanted a yellow truck and Helen didn't think it'd look that good," he said. They were considering a couple different shades of green, but Don went with yellow without telling Helen until he got it home. "She thought it was OK," he said.

Since the body work was done to higher standards than he intended, why settle for the old, worn 283 V-8? Don bought a crate 350 and after tweaking it a little, installed it under the bright-yellow hood. And then he might as well make the interior nice, so he hand-crafted new door panels and headliner, and replaced the tattered bench seat with heated bucket seats out of a Chevy Tahoe, complete with leather and a 7-way power adjust. And the bed was treated to a new wooden floor, although he used a black ash wood instead of the yellow ash that it originally came with from the factory, which turned out nice. It also has vintage air conditioning and a CD/AM-FM stereo.

What was going to be a driver, once done, went to some car shows and started winning trophies. It wasn't going to be hauling firewood; it was now a show truck.

And that was fine with Don. The truck was more than just an old pickup anyway, since it had the larger rear window that isn't seen as often.

"I wanted the big window," Don said. "There aren't a lot of the big-window trucks around ... kind of made it a rare truck."

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It took three years to restore the truck to where it is today, although Don would not call it finished. He's planning a few small changes. He'd like to change the axles from six studs to five studs so he could have a better choice of custom wheels to put on it.

"I had a lot of fun building the truck," Don said. "We've had it on a few cruises and got a lot of compliments on the truck."

A Gift

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, he didn't buy her a gift. When she asked him why, he replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

Paraders Thanked

I want to thank you and whoever braved the cold and rain last Saturday for the Festival of Bands Parade! The fillers were GREAT and everyone was so friendly and cooperative, according to the filler handlers. I hope you all come back next year! Thanks again. Berit Andreone, Parade Chair FOB '09.



Vacation Scene

Brian Lee thought he'd include a photo from his recent vacation to Montana for his fellow Great Plains Streetrodders to enjoy.

Of course it isn't of the grandchildren. This is a car club newsletter, after all.

Having an interest in old cars results in stops to photograph an old car once in a while when on vacation, along with the scenery and family shots. So, when I pulled into Albertson's in Belgrade, MT, and saw the '55 Chevy with an open parking spot next to it, I had to pull up and shoot a picture.

Yeah, it's not in all that



great a condition, but then, neither was the owner

Ponderisms

The easiest way to find something lost around the house or shop is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

Whenever you feel blue, start breathing again. ☺

October Birthdays

Jerry Miller	7
Rick Munce	8
Melania Barnes	11
Lori Paulson	11
Doug Walker	13
Allen Alby	22
Fred Gorwill	23
Judy Miller	25
Tom Olsen	28

October Anniversaries

Roger & Jan Malcomb	5
Doug & Karen Walker	13
Fred & Donna Gorwill	16
John & Sonja Lynch	16
Dwight & Ruby Johnson	20
Bob & Sandy Schmeichel	20
Wayne & Roxie Ebright	31

November Birthdays

Susan Seachris	1
Dave Doeringsfeld	2
Clay Seachris	2
Dean Gough	11
Rich Burns	15
Gloria Crews	17
Don Mertens	21
Doug Van Noort	22
Tom Elliott	28
Dwight Johnson	28
Darwin Sletten	29
Keith Schmuck	29

November Anniversaries

Rich & Glenna Burns	4
Doug & Norma Krouse	14
Sam & Bonnie Britt	16
Denny & Betty Heidebrink	16
Gerry & LeAnne Phillips	30



Sympathy Offered

Sympathy from the Great Plains Streetrodders goes to Don & Betty Jones and family, as Don & Betty's three-month old great-grandson Linden passed away September 29.

Linden Shane Jensen was born, June 15, 2009, to parents Shane and Ashley Jensen.

Thank you

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your gift so much and can't thank you enough for all your support.
The Jensen Family

Sympathy Offered

The Great Plains Street Rodders extend their sympathy to the Marlo Jones family. Marlo passed away Sept. 13. His wife Shirley and brother Don are cherished members and friends.

Thank you

We have lost someone very special...Thank you for sharing our grief.
The family of Marlo Jones

Thank you

I want to say thank you for the memorial that was sent to me in honor of my father, Kenneth Barnes. At a time like this it is great to have friends thinking and praying for my family. Once again Thanks so much.
Rich Barnes and Family

Feature Car Guys

This month marks the 55th edition of the feature car section in the *Cruisin' News*.

Bob Schmeichel and Brian Lee began coordinating this section in April of 2005 and have spent many volunteer hours bringing you this treasure every month. To be featured, you just need to be a member and have your hotrod at events. As a Feature Car owner, members get to keep the original watercolor painting of their car and the feature car article remains part of the history of the Great Plains Street Rodders. You may see all the feature cars on our website and many of the paintings are displayed every year at the Christmas party.

When this feature began it was in an effort to give back and thank the great members of the club. Through the years the personal painting and writing styles have changed, but the awesome cars and owners have remained.

Bob and Brian enjoy the process and how they build friendships through interviews and time spent performing their craft. We are proud to have these guys as members and glad to have them as friends. Thanks Guys.



First Feature Car – April '05

Past Feature Cars



Meet-N-Eat Schedule

Schedule posted on
GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com.

- Oct. 17-18** – Wild About
Wheels, in Sioux City, IA
Oct. 21 – The Dutch Inn,
Dell Rapids: Roast Beef &
Chicken Breast Buffet with
mashed potatoes/gravy, corn
and salad for \$7.50
Oct. 28 – Sioux Valley Energy
Building, Brandon: Stew,
sandwiches & dessert: \$5
Nov. 4 – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
Nov. 11 – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
Nov. 18 – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
Nov. 25 – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
Dec. 2 – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
Dec. 4 – Christmas Party

Newsletter Submissions

To submit something for the
Cruisin' News, contact Brian
Lee at 605-498-0178,
bg4given@gmail.com or look
for him around his 1961 Ford
Thunderbird. *Anything will be
considered for addition to the
newsletter.*



Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)

WANTED -- 1968 Buick Skylark with good body parts, need not run. Also need a set of 15-inch, 5-spoke mags to fit a Chevy and a set of 15-inch wire wheels with 4 ½ inch pattern. Call Eric Anderson at 712 380 4969

FOR SALE – Rocker panel side trim, stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. \$10. Call 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

FOR SALE – Chevy 15-inch steel rims with hub caps from a 1951 Chevy, four for \$50 OBO. Call 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

FOR SALE – 1996 Saturn SC-2 sports car, lovely deep purple color, five-speed, four cylinder, runs good but needs brakes. 111,000 miles. Asking \$1,095, well below Kelly blue book value. Call 498-0178.

FOR SALE – Book full of pictures of old cars, new, entitled "For The Love of Cars. Local cars are among the many photos. Special price of \$22 (retails for \$28.99), tax included for members of the Great Plains Streetrodders. Contact Brian, 605-498-0178

FOR SALE – 1957 Chevy chassis. Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543.

FOR SALE – 1952 Packard parts, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571.

FOR SALE – NOS 1973-198? Chevrolet/GMC P/U, Suburban, Blazer rear tailgate trim molding (black insert) \$25.00; GM Aluminum Big Block "Chevrolet" logo black powder coated valve covers with fasteners and grommets new in the box, \$125.00; complete set of Big Block GM High Performance 1.7 stamped steel rocker arms, pivots and nuts new in the box \$50.00; Complete 396 CI Chevrolet Big Block date coded L-1-5 (Dec-1-65), Holley 600 CFM double-pumper carb, Edelbrock Performer 2-O aluminum intake, GM HEI distributor, 8.5 mm ignition wires, strong performance hydraulic cam, fuel pump, needs valve guide seals, \$2000.00; Chevrolet Big Block 9 qt oil pan cleaned & painted black, \$25.00; 9" Ford rear end housing with 28 spline axles bracketed for 1958-1962 Chevrolet full size car 5 x 4 ¾" bolt pattern, \$100.00; set of 20 Stainless steel Chevrolet metric wheel lug nuts new never installed, \$20.00; new Chevrolet/GM 454 HD fan clutch new in box, \$30.00; 1993-1999 Chevrolet/ GMC P/U Suburban, Blazer rear tail lights converted to LED lamps (plug in) \$50.00, pair of John Deere lawn tractor wheels sand blasted painted JD yellow 12"x12" for 400 series tractor, \$60.00; snow mobile trailer axle with springs and tounge, \$50.00; pair of trailer tires & wheels, bias ply 205/75x14 spoked wheels 5x4 1/2" bolt pattern \$30.00. For more information call Mike Miller @ 605-360-8546 Sx. Falls.

FOR SALE -- 1972 Buick Riviera, 455 c.i., auto. Needs deck lid and front seat upholstery. Good straight body, vinyl top, boattail. Runs and drives. New front discs. \$1500. **1975 Buick Riviera**, 455, auto, very good body, needs some plastics and front bucket seat torn. One owner car that has the turbine wheel covers. Excellent bumpers and chrome. Runs and drives. Call Eric Anderson at 712 380 4969

FOR SALE -- 3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end (excellent condition), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill Kullander, 605 366-1158

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 – Ford shop manual for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Contact Ken Buchanan.

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