



Cruisin' News

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What a Difference a Year Makes

By Clay Seachris
President's message

It has always amazed me how fast new members become veteran members and what seems like long-time friends. When Susan and I joined the group, we experienced the same as new members. As a veteran member, I mention the instant-friends trend quite often to people who are thinking about joining the club. A couple weeks back at Hobo Stew, Maritta Husman, surrounded by friends, was laughing and sharing thoughts as she looked back on the anniversary of the first time they were with our group at this event. Maritta and Ron were sitting off by themselves because they didn't know anyone. I remember visiting with them and hearing the enthusiasm in Ron's voice when he discussed his Nova and from Maritta how much they enjoyed cruising and meeting new people. I remarked then that they seemed to have a bunch in common with us Great Plains Street Rodders and that with so much in common they could have many instant friends. Ron and Maritta joined the club and suggested longtime friends Grant and Linda Geister join, also. What a difference a year makes. Grant and Linda have helped host a number of events. Maritta is currently helping the meet-n-eat committee. Both couples have had their hotrods featured in our monthly newsletter. They're friends that it seems we've known for many years. I've experienced this phenomenon numerous times while chatting with close friends, discussing events from five or more years ago where I was sure we cruised together – only to have them remind me they just joined the club within the last year or two. I guess seeing each other weekly, sharing good times, supporting each other in hard times, traveling together and having so much in common really accelerates a friendship.

Hobo Stew was great again this year. Our club attendance was high and the Classie Autos made a great batch of stew. The desserts provided by the Great Plains Street Rodders were awesome. Canned good collection exceeded last year's total by 14 pounds, with 151 pounds given to Feeding South Dakota.

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Living With and Making History

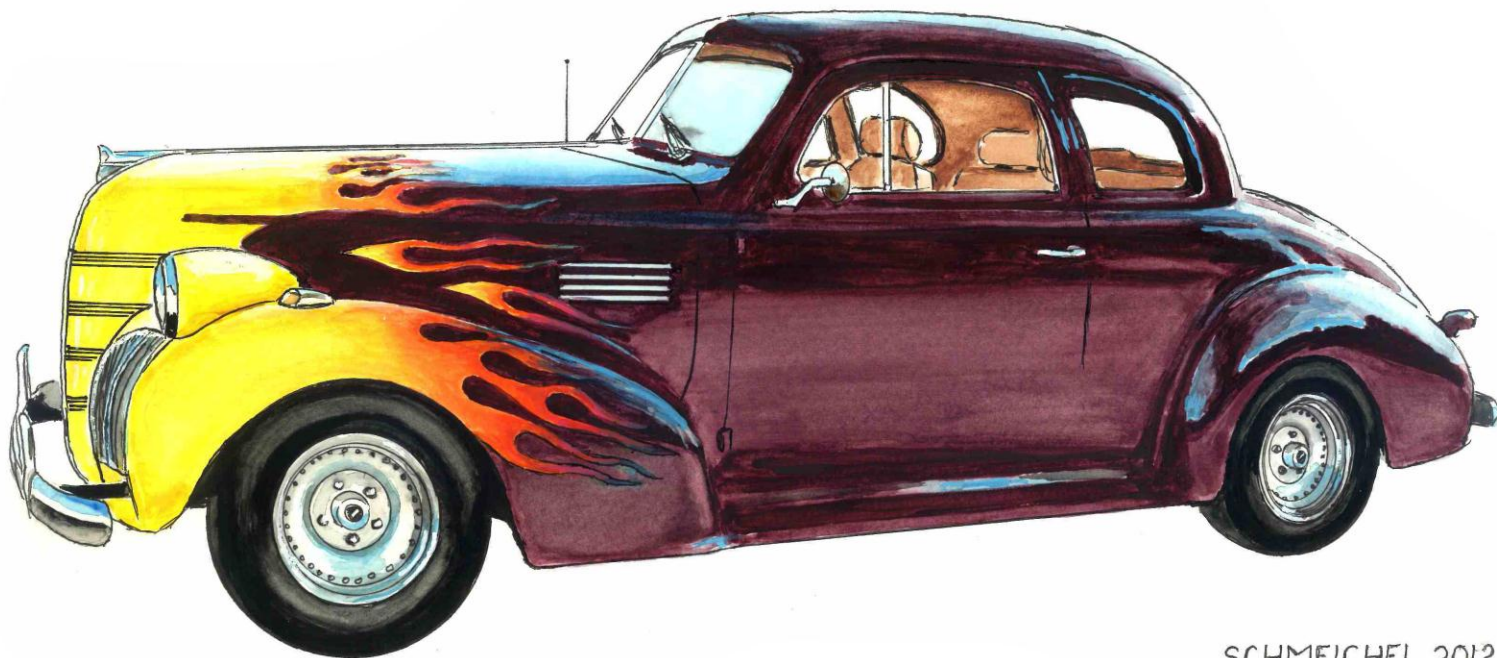
By Bob Schmeichel

At 6 or 7 years of age, Jim Kuhle started building model cars, which helped him understand how older cars were put together, thus solidifying his interest in cars ranging from the '30s through the '60s. We both agreed that building cars was just like building model cars except it's on a bigger scale using welding and nuts and bolts to hold everything together instead of gluing.

But with being single and the co-owner with his brother of the Electric Construction Company, a business started by their grandfather 106 years ago in Sioux Falls, has taken most of his time, consequently turning him into a workaholic. Jim would allow himself to take a break from work now and then, but work was and is always on his mind, which puts meaning to the phrase "No rest for the living."

The past few years have not been easy for Jim, who has gone through a couple of health issues that could have taken his life, along with hanging out with his buddy John Sweeney, who also went through his own life-threatening illness. Going through these times has made Jim reevaluate his own life and his love for old cars.

Then in January of 2011 with the temps dipping to 30 below, Jim decided to give himself a mini vacation to Palm Springs, California, to get out of the cold. One morning in California while sitting in a coffee shop and reading Auto Trader, his thoughts were pulled to something other than work. He found a 1939 Pontiac coupe that was for sale at what he thought was a reasonable price. Since the car was only 25 miles away from where he was staying, he called the owner and rented a car to go check it out. Upon arrival he saw a quality-built, beautiful car that he couldn't wait to drive. It had a 350 Chevy engine with a 700R4 overdrive trans, a Nova rear end, and a Heidts front end with rack and pinion steering. It also had a beautiful flamed paint job and Vintage Air to keep the leather interior cool in the summer time. After driving the car and seeing that it had really good road manners, Jim asked the 73-year-old owner why he was selling the car. He replied that he and his wife had driven the car all over the western part of the U.S. and made fond memories, but now had an interest in building a late '30s pickup. After spending almost a half day with the owners, Jim finally left but without the car. Back at home and dealing with work again, the Pontiac wasn't too far from his mind. Three days later he called the owner back and bought the car and had it shipped to him because it was the dead of winter here. From that point on, Jim said the rest of the time coming with the Pontiac will be his own history. Jim joined the Great Plains Street Rodders over a year ago and enjoys the camaraderie along with the time the club gives him away from work. He is planning on retiring soon so he can more fully redirect his enjoyment into old cars.



Sympathy Offered

We extend our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers to fellow member, Rich Barnes, and his family. Rich's mother, Donna Jean Barnes, passed away December 22 at Hospice House in Sioux Falls. A memorial was sent on behalf of all Great Plains Street Rodders.

Thanks Given

Great Plains Street Rodders, thank you for the memorial in honor of my mother, Donna. We will be sending it to her church Youth Program. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers, Rich Barnes and Family

Vacation to Lincoln

Join us Saturday, March 3 for a road trip to the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln. We meet and leave at 7 a.m. from Marlins at the Tea exit. A tour of the Museum is set for 2 p.m. Check the flyer for details and call now for a room on Saturday night. You may call Lori Paulson at 351-0416 or email the club president for details.



Spencer Garage Tour

The Garage tour is February 18. With 16 garages to see this year, there is a wide variety! The kickoff is from 8-9 a.m. at Jake's, located at 513 S. Grand Ave, Spencer, IA.

Fun Paulson Party

A mid-January party at Mike and Lori's is a tradition. It had been referred to as the "Ice-Breaker." This year's potluck looked to be warm one, but as usual snow and cold crept in. Yet about 50 gathered for fun.

This year there was a couple contests. Shirley Alby was runner-up to Carlotta McKittrick in the ugliest sweater contest. Bob Schmeichel won oldest rod-run shirt award with a '74 tank top. Jules Haper placed second in a faded shirt from days gone by.

Many women took home little prizes playing numerous rounds of Right-Left-Center. The women's laughter could be heard in the loft as the men enjoyed the big screen television and pool table.

Thank you Mike and Lori for hosting us hooligans again.



Your Dues Are Due

Thank you for renewing. When renewals are paid, our officers, Jayne DeBoer and Marilyn Haper, can relax at the meet-n-eats. You may mail to Great Plains Street Rodders, Jayne Deboer, Treasurer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Membership is \$20 per couple or just \$10 per person.

February Birthdays

Derrick Stokes	1
Don Jones	2
Jane Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Faye Gallagher	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14
Morris Fick	17
Ken Buchanan	18
Ron Roe	23
Joyce Gough	23
Art Umland	25
Don Hood	26

February Anniversaries

Roger and Cheryl Van Noort	3
Larry and Janet Gannon	11
Terry and Sandy Peterson	11
Bob and Ellen Van Noort	18
John and Dianne Moore	19
Buck and Virgene Schrader	23
Rich and Melania Barnes	26
Ron and Maritta Husman	26

March Birthdays

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Ken Levene	8
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Lisa Frock	13
Grant Geister	14
Les Ramstad	14
Don Jensen	15
Wayne Ebright	17
Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Kathy Koch	20
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Pat Kiebach	27
Rich Barnes	30
Scott Brady	31

March Anniversaries

Chuck and Sherrey Kellogg	28
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Winter Camaraderie and Charitable Giving



Congratulations to the oldest T-shirt and ugliest sweater winners: Bob, Jules, Carlotta and Shirley.





Photographs and Memories

by Tom Olsen

I'm a car guy and veteran Great Plains Street Rodder from Sioux Falls who developed an interest in cars in the early 1960s, and that passion has been with me all these years. Each month I'll share a picture or two in the newsletter and will offer a short narrative on each for your enjoyment. While I'm primarily a Chevy guy, I'll do my best to mix things up a bit so everyone sees something they might enjoy.

The Tazmanian Devil

This is the 1955 Chevy "gasser" known as the "Tazmanian Devil." At the time of these pictures, the car was owned by Sioux Falls resident Dave Rettig. The car ran a small block Chevy engine with a 4-speed in D/Gas. Dave didn't build the car himself, having bought it earlier in 1967. I have no idea on the origin of the car prior to that time. Although the car seemed to have all the right parts, in the races I saw it run, it never really performed up to expectations. As I recall, Dave sold the car within a year or so. The first picture is taken behind a place we referred to as "the apartments" in 1966-69; several Chevy guys lived there at the time. (The 37th and Minnesota Hardees sits on the location now.) I've heard conflicting stories...is this the car known as the "Taboo Gasser" now?



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

Every October, Great Plains Street Rodders transition to a supper social club. Hotrods optional. Please join us. Many of these gatherings have special group rates. Guests are welcome. Schedule is also posted on greatplainsstreetrodders.com

Feb. 15 – Valentine's Party ♥ ♥

Brandon Steakhouse

Free Prizes to Lucky Members
1308 Rushmore Dr., Brandon
Regular menu items

Feb. 22 – Roll'n Pin Restaurant

3015 W. Russell Street, SF
Regular menu items

Feb. 29 – The Keg, W57th

5301 W. 57th Street, SF,
Special Priced Buffet

Mar. 7 – Champpps

2101 W. 41st Street, SF,
Regular menu items

Mar. 14 – Cici's Pizza

5007 S. Louise Avenue, SF,
\$5.99 Buffet

Mar. 21 – Tea Steakhouse

215 S. Main Avenue, Tea,
Regular menu items

Mar. 28 – Fryn' Pan Restaurant

4204 W. 41st Street, SF,
Regular menu items

REMINDER: Check your ticket for group gratuity inclusion.

** Tip may be included already.**

◀ 1955 Gasser Update

by Mike Miller

I'm pretty sure that car was built by Bud Soutar for his son Terry; I think it was originally an olive drab green. John Holland built the traction bars. The front end was all steel and it had under chassis headers. Terry was in high school when they built it. The first time Terry drove it at the Valley, he was so nervous, he dumped the clutch and the transmission was still in reverse. Good Times! ☺



Classified Ads
(FREE to All Members)



FOR SALE – Qwick Lift Style
Drive-on car lift, portable, easy to set-up and use. Great tool to get under your car in minutes. Call Ron 332-4543

FOR SALE – GM 12 Bolt Rear-End, complete, non-posi unit. This rear-end came out of a '72 Monte Carlo SS, so it has the extra SS side brackets, hose and 4 links with it. This rear-end is direct factory 12 bolt fit for '68 - 72 Chevelle, '70 Buick Special, '70 - 72 Grand Prix, '70 - 72 Monte Carlo, '71 - 72 Sprint (G.M.) and a '70 - 72 Tempest. These GM rear-end are getting very hard to find anymore. Asking \$500.00. Call 351-6263 Larry G.

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 605 366-1158

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

FOR SALE – 1976 Ford Torino Elite two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Call Ken Buchanan 605 212-2821

FOR SALE – 1987 Chevy Corvette, 93K, owned for 14 yrs, new tires, new brakes, \$15,000 Call Virgene 351-2019

FOR SALE – 1957 Chevy Chassis. Call Ron 332-4543



If there's enough interest, we may place a group order. Contact Clay if you want a plaque.

FOR SALE – Set of (4) KEYSTONE CLASSIC WHEELS, 14 x 6 with nuts (CHEVY) and caps. Some surface rust and in need of a good cleaning. BEST OFFER takes all. Butch Yesda @ 359-3914

WANTED – '66 - 67 Nova parts car, 2-door 4- door or wagon, and any parts for a '66 - 67 Nova. Call Larry 351-6263.

FOR SALE – 1927 Ford Coupe, All steel, Originally built 1959-60. 232 ci Studebaker w/ 3 spd. 16x10 American rears, Hallcraft wires on front, 54 Olds rear \$15,500 o.b.o. Call Dwight 371-5898

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 368-2418

FOR SALE – 1935 Chevy Standard Two-door Sedan, Lots of Streetrodder Mods. Former GPSR Feature Car Mustang front suspension, 8" Ford Rear, Pwr windows, A/C, Cruise, CD. \$31,000 Call Ike 507-920-61342

Recipe

Chicken Lasagna

from the kitchen of Ellen VanNoort

8 oz. box of lasagna noodles
1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted
1 c. chicken broth
½ tsp. salt
1 c. small curd cottage cheese
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
½ c. sour cream
½ c. mayonnaise
1 tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
1/3 c. finely chopped onion
½ of a green pepper, chopped
2 tbsp. dried parsley
2 tbsp. dried basil
3 c. chopped, cooked chicken, can salt when cooking (approx. 4 chicken breasts)
10 oz. pkg. of frozen spinach, thaw and strain
16 oz. shredded pizza cheese
8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Mix cheeses together and set aside. Cook noodles to package directions. Can add 1 tsp. olive oil and pinch of salt to water. Drain and rinse in cold water. Mix soup, broth and salt in small bowl. In a larger bowl, combine cream cheese, mayo, sour cream, cottage cheese, parsley, basil, onion powder and garlic powder. Stir until smooth. Add green pepper and onion. Use a