



Cruisin' News

January 2015

President – Clay Seachris
Vice President – Bob Schmeichel
Treasurer – Jayne DeBoer
Secretary – Marilyn Haper
Newsletter Editor – Susan Seachris

The New Year Begins

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Quite often during the winter, I remember something Ken Buchanan said to me many years ago regarding how the off season was a perfect time for us to coordinate and prepare the next year's cruising season. The discussion touched on busy summer cruising, so never having enough time to build new or update current hotrods, plan summer cruises and take care of club management. This winter has been another one of those times with new beginnings as I hear about new hotrod builds and others making modifications or revisions to current cruisers with spring debuts. For the club, Mark Bowers put together the new website and Jayne DeBoer says your membership renewals are flowing in. Room reservations and group planning are being made for among others: Back to the Fifties, The Heartland Nationals, Vintiques Rod Run and the Black Hills Rod Run.

The 2015 summer Wednesday evening cruise schedule is tentatively set. It continues to be a mix of recurring favorite locations along with a number of new places. Great Plains will be hosting the Root Beer Float Social at Children's Home Society and our Annual Poker Run again. While coordinating these cruises, there are a lot of considerations, negotiations and other details involved in summer schedule planning: dates, locations, parking availability, volunteer labor, traffic flow, prior history, competing venues, dusk timing and weather to name a few. You are invited to all planning meetings, and I'm always proud of how many Great Plains Street Rodders attend planning meetings and contribute to the success of summer cruising.

All the club officers remain the same this year. Thank you for allowing me to be your president for another year. I really appreciate the support of so many friends. Without your help, I would not be able to (or want to) do this job. Also, on behalf of all the officers, we really enjoy working together with you. Fun and friendships continue to be our main goals.

Club membership follows the calendar year; January to December. So, as always, to make it easier on volunteers, please renew soon so our treasurer, Jayne DeBoer, may finish annual membership renewal tracking before she too gets busy cruising and enjoying the season. Thank you for being members, the club is stable, fun and active because of your participation.

For a color copy of the newsletter or to see additional photos, go to our website greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



Kent and Terri Reilly's '37 Dodge at the Tea Airport



Shirley Alby's '46 Ford at Children's Home Society

Three of a Kind

By Bob Schmeichel

Betting is not in my nature, but I do think the odds of one guy having three cars all the same brand, all the same model, and all the same year, at the same time, has got to be pretty slim to say the least. When I asked Dan Brady why three 1967 Camaros, his story began to unfold even though he had, and has, other desirable cars along the way to this point in his life, the 1967 Camaros stuck.

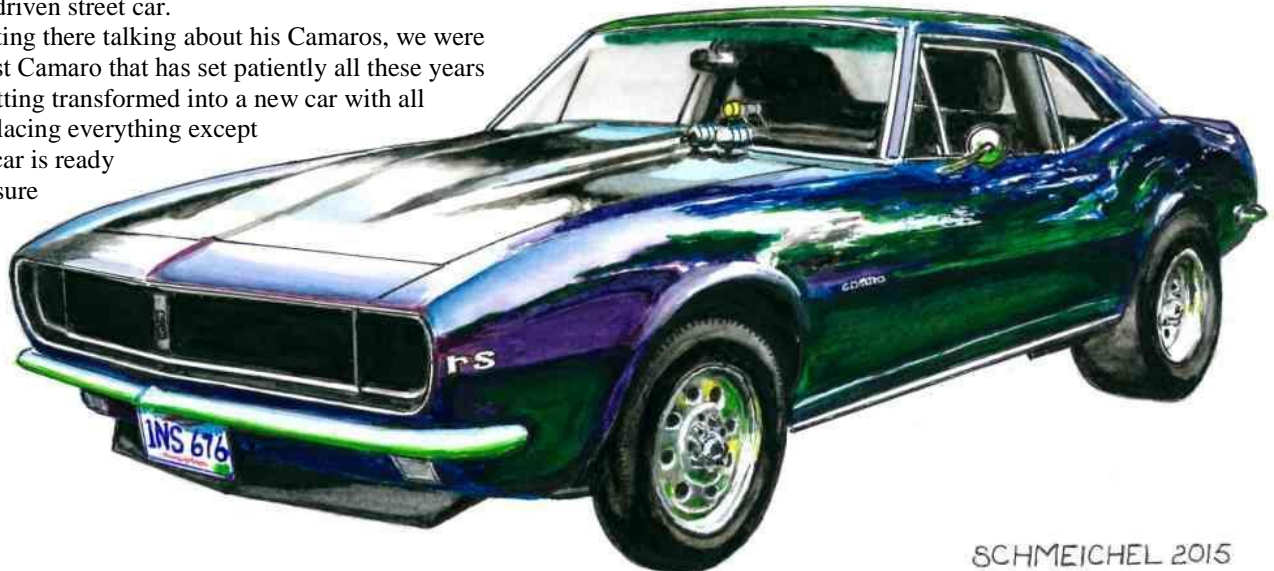
Both Dan and his brother, Scott, grew up learning and working in their dad's gas station in Wakonda, S.D., in the 60s and 70s. The knowledge they gained from doing the basic skills of auto mechanics has served them well all their lives. The cars from that timeframe were all similar under the hood mechanically; some just had more horsepower than others. When it came to outward appearance impressions made with cars, Dan said his uncle, Bob Lucas, was the biggest influence with him stopping by the station, or getting together for family reunions and arriving in some sort of muscle car. Dan said he had seen every kind of muscle car there ever was during those earlier years because of Uncle Bob, but the image of a 1967 Chevy Camaro stuck like a nail driven into a board – no pun intended since Dan builds wooden trusses for a living now.

Dan emerged into his adult life by doing body work, which held his interest from 1977 to 1985. He and his wife, Kim, got married in October 1981, kind of in the middle of his body work career. Anyone who has done this type of work for a living knows it is hard, along with the pay checks going up and down kind of making it a struggle. Dan bought his first '67 Camaro in 1983. It was a six-cylinder with a 4-speed car built that way from the factory. Dan drove the car for a couple years then decided to tear into it and build a pro street car that he could occasionally race. Unfortunately with times being tuff throughout the country, Dan changed occupations to have a steadier paycheck and improve their lifestyle and chances at dreams. As time went by, priorities changed with a failed business venture and kids coming into the picture making the first Camaro sit on the sidelines 'til later in life.

Dan bought his second '67 Camaro in 1991 out of a Mitchell for-sale ad. The car had been a drag race car out of Idaho from 1971 to 1991 with 52,000 actual miles on it. Dan said his original intension was to just make the car a good driver, but as anyone knows, you kind of become your own worst enemy with raising your standard with everything and forgetting about stopping. It has been over 20 years since Pat Folken painted this second Camaro its present purple color, and Dan redid the whole interior himself. Over those years, Dan put together a fairly stout carbureted 406 small block Chevy that resides in this second Camaro right now. Behind that is a 350 turbo trans with a trans brake, 3800 stall converter, and 4.11 rear end gears to make it go fast. Last summer he installed adjustable coil-over shocks on the front to lower the car 2 inches, installed disc brakes on the rear along with a new traction bar set-up and new wheels all around making it a new car again. He said the additions he did to the car not only helped it ride 10 times better but enabled the car to launch harder pulling the front tires instead of spinning the rears gaining one tenth of a second running 11.20 at 123 mph. This second car continues to be not only a daily or weekend driver but is enjoyed now more than ever for what it really has evolved into.

Dan's third '67 Camaro was bought from a buddy who had lost interest in the car after he hurt the engine turbo-charging it. The owner didn't want to put any more money into the car, so Dan was offered this true pro-streeted car for much less than he could build it. Nice orange paint with full tube chassis and suspension, a full certified cage, tubbed with monster tires. Recognizing the value, along with being what Dan was always trying to build too, he bought it. It took awhile, but Dan had the engine apart and brought everything back to where it needed to be. The irony of this third Camaro is that it has the same drive train as his purple second Camaro and doesn't run too much faster until he turns on the nitrous. The orange pro-street car then runs a 9.86 et at 135 mph...very respectful for an occasionally driven street car.

As we were sitting there talking about his Camaros, we were looking at Dan's first Camaro that has set patiently all these years since 1985 while getting transformed into a new car with all new sheet metal replacing everything except the roof. While the car is ready to paint, Dan is not sure of the direction yet, possibly bringing it into the 21st century with drive train updates, but that is another story yet to happen.



SCHMEICHEL 2015



Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

He zigs, she zags – together, they've zigzagged through life for over 51 years. Though street rodding is a strong tie that binds, Betty and Denny are very comfortable pursuing individual interests. Says Betty, "For five years, every weekend I would go to North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa or South Dakota and show cars. I would go by myself because Denny didn't like sitting but when building the cars, Denny would always make the driver's seat doable for me so I could see and reach everything."

At times, Denny has had his own agenda. "Every summer I go on a motorcycle trip with my son, Daren. We've been to California, Washington, east and west Canada, Kentucky, and North Carolina. He's the leader, I just follow," Denny describes these father-son excursions with a self-effacing grin.

A master craftsman, Denny has rebuilt motorcycles, built several street rods, and three airplanes including a sailplane. "A sailplane relies on thermals to gain altitude," he explains. "I've gotten as high as 11,000 feet on a thermal." A daredevil by nature, it seems, Denny also practiced skydiving for a number of years. One of his brothers shared his love of "jumping," but unfortunately died of cancer while in his thirties. They were part of a skydiving club and sailplane club that met at the Canton Airport. A Sioux Falls resident most of his life, Denny joined the National Guard after high school. One of Betty's favorite memories during the time he was stationed at Ft. Sill was driving there with some other gals who were also visiting their husbands. "We couldn't go in so I'd pick Denny up at the gate and we would go to the A & W and have the same juicy hamburgers every night. Then we'd listen to KOMA – Oklahoma." Denny has worked a number of jobs, using his talents as a welder and a mechanic – among them, Automotive Machines where he rebuilt engines and American Freight as a diesel mechanic. His last job was at EROS Data Center where he worked for 13 years. In addition to building rods, cycles and planes, Denny has done some bear, elk and moose hunting. Presently, he shoots skeet at Crook's Gun Club.

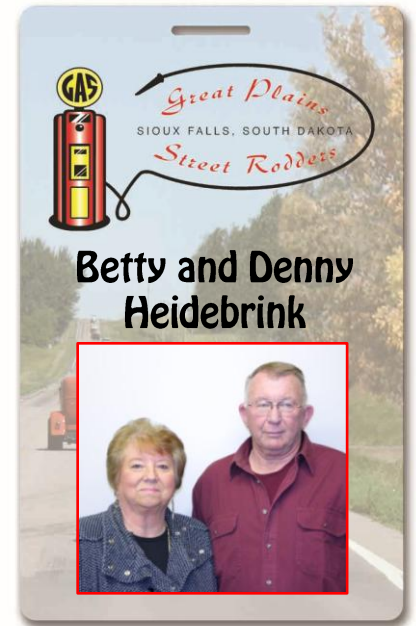
Not surprising, Denny and Betty's first encounter involved cars. "When I was 14, I worked at Ray's Drive-In," recalls Betty. "Denny had just bought a brand-new '58 Pontiac Fire Chief, and he and a couple of his friends would cruise to the drive-in every night. It ended up that me and two other girls that worked there married those three guys. We're all still married except for one guy who passed away."

Like Denny, Betty is a Sioux Falls native. She has one brother who is a few years older and left home for the service when he was 17. Regarded by her husband as a hard worker, Betty graduated from Washington High and got her first major job at Northwestern Bell working for five years as a telephone operator. After they started their family, Betty held down two jobs. "I would go to work for the greenhouse during the day, come home and make supper for my family, then work the concession stand at the arena until 10:30 p.m. I did that for 20 years. I really loved my job at the greenhouse." Retired for over two years, Betty tends to her many perennials in the summer, goes to movies with friends occasionally, and volunteers for the Faith Temple food drive. "Every Friday, I go out to the fairgrounds and help distribute food from about 1:30 to 5:30 or 6 p.m." She also enjoys scrapbooking for the club.

The Heidebrinks have two sons and a daughter. Their daughter, Shanna, lives in the Minneapolis area with her family and works as a surgical technician. Their two sons, Deven and Daren, live in Sioux Falls. One of them works for the Air National Guard servicing engines for the F-16 planes. The other owns his own truck and trailer and drives as a team with his wife. The Heidebrinks have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Though going south for the winter appeals to Betty, she maintains that Denny needs his garage, so likely, they will be joining us for Wednesday night suppers for weeks to come, but how bad could that be. Like the song says, "The weather outside is frightful, but here, with you 's delightful." ('Cuz we're such a fun group.)

Valuing them as long-time members of the street rodders, we look forward to seeing the results of Denny's next project. We say, "Thanks" and "Good job" to Betty. Her volunteer work as our memory-keeper is much appreciated.



Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Deb DeBoer and her family. Deb's father, Ernest C. Geyer, passed away December 18.

Deb and Mike DeBoer are active club members. Through the years we've enjoyed cruising with them to local and national shows.

The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Deb and Mike's fellow Great Plains Street Rodder friends.

Thanks Given

We would like to thank the car club for the memorial on behalf of my father, Ernest Geyer. We appreciate all the cards and support from the car club during this difficult time. You give us comfort when we need it most, and for that we are truly grateful. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful group of people. Thank you, Mike and Deb DeBoer

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry Golden and his family. Larry's mother, Clementine M. Golden, passed away January 5.

Larry and Kris Golden have been club members for years. Many members have been cruising with them since high school. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Larry and Kris's fellow Great Plains Street Rodders.

Membership Dues

Great Plains Street Rodder memberships are due to treasurer, Jayne DeBoer, on January 1. You may send your renewal to Great Plains Street Rodders, Jayne DeBoer, treasurer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Annual dues are still \$20 per couple and \$10 for a single membership. Thank you for renewing early.

Ice Breaker Party

The annual Ice Breaker Garage Party - Potluck Social is Friday, Jan. 16 at Mike and Lori Paulson's, 900 N. Menlo. The Social starts at 5:30 p.m. dinner about 6:30 p.m. It's potluck and bring your own beverage. Off-street parking at the Terrace Park Pool parking lot (north of the bathhouse) across from their home on Menlo Avenue. The optional theme and contest this year is "Nerds" because there's a little bit of nerd in all of us. ☺



Speed Museum Tour

Our Annual Lincoln, Nebraska Trip is March 7 and 8. As usual, we tour the Museum of American Speed and many attend the Manginelli Swap Meet. Every year the museum displays change. There're also many shopping opportunities for the guys and gals. You may do as much or as little as you like with the group. We're taking over Super 8 again, (402-467-4488), mention Lori Paulson/Great Plains Street Rodders for our group discount.



January Birthdays

(2nd half)

Randy Ludwig	16
Bev Umland	19
Carlotta McKittrick	20
LaDell Mertens	21
Doreen Wiese	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Steve Carlson	26
Dave Sandberg	26
Butch Yesda	29
Nancy Jellis	31

February Birthdays

(1st half)

Derrick Stokes	1
Don Jones	2
Judy Cain	4
Don Riechert	9
Darwin Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Faye Gallagher	12
Reed Peterson	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14

January Anniversaries

(2nd half)

February Anniversaries

(1st half)

Roger and Cheryl Van Noort	3
Larry and Janet Gannon	11
Terry and Sandy Peterson	11
Ron and Donna Jellis	15

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

The two-month birthday and anniversary schedule is listed from the 15th to the 15th of each month.

Children's Inn Thanks

Thank you! We are grateful! During the holiday season and year-round, Children's Inn appreciates all you do to help victims of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect. Your recent gifts and your belief in the work being done will go far to help those in need of safety! Sincerely, Staci Kropuenske, Development Coordinator, Children's Inn.

Great Plains Summer Memories



The guys around Ken Levene's '59 Edsel at Sherman Park in 2009.



Cars lined up for a break on a 2012 Sunday cruise to Colton.



Cars on the green space at the 2011 Roe's Weinie Roast.



Nice to see some grandkids enjoy a cruise to the Tea Airport in 2014.



Miller's '59 and Schmeichel's '40 and others at the 2006 Labor Day Rod Run.



Gough, Buchanan and Stokes and others at the 2007 VA Car Show.



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.



Goodwood Green Stingray

My longest-term friend ever, Rex Gulickson, (I've known him since second grade) bought this 1967 Corvette Stingray new. It was equipped with the big block 427ci, 390hp engine and a 4-speed; the color is "Goodwood Green." In this photo, taken at Falls Park, the car has a set of the popular "ET Mags" installed.

Rex's bride-to-be, Shawn, was attending college in Aberdeen, S.D., while Rex owned the Vette, and he found it very useful in reducing his travel time to Aberdeen for weekend visits. And as a side benefit, I understand he met some very nice State Troopers in those years as well. Rex worked at, and later bought, Rube's Texaco at 27th and Minnesota Avenue; his cars were always gorgeous!



Recipe

Chicken Veggie Soup

From the kitchen of Susan Seachris

4 cups chicken broth	¼ teaspoon dried oregano
1 lb. cubed, cooked chicken breast	¼ teaspoon dried basil
½ cup diced onion	3 cups cubed zucchini
1 whole bay leaf	2 cup chopped kale
⅛ teaspoon salt	1 cup mushrooms
⅛ teaspoon pepper	1 cup broccoli florets

Put 2 cups of water in a large soup pot and add chicken broth, chicken onion, bay leaf, salt, pepper, oregano and basil. Bring all ingredients to a boil and let simmer for 15 minutes. Add vegetables, bring to a boil then let simmer for 45 minutes or until vegetables are desired texture.

Ice-Breaker Party Archive 2012





Meet-n-Eat Schedule

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/21/15 | Tailgators (Private Room)
1013 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon | 2/18/15 | Hy-Vee Deli – Minnesota Ave.
3000 S. Minnesota Avenue, SF |
| 1/28/15 | Rookies Sports Bar & Grill
2616 S. Louise Avenue, SF | 2/25/15 | Roll'n Pin Family Restaurant
3015 W. Russell Street, SF |
| 2/4/15 | Pizza Ranch, E. 10th (Private Room)
3809 E. 10th Street, SF | 3/4/15 | The Cracker Barrel
2409 S. Shirley Avenue, SF |
| 2/11/15 | Valentine's Party
Location to be Determined | 3/11/15 | Buffalo Wild Wings - Louise
2601 S. Louise Avenue, SF |

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
COUNTY'S Car Show 2015

PRESENTED BY
COUNTS OF THE COBBLESTONE CAR CLUB

2014 BEST OF SHOW

**RUSHMORE PLAZA
CIVIC CENTER
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

FEBRUARY 20-21-22, 2015
FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 5PM - 9PM
SATURDAY, FEB. 21, 9AM - 9PM
SUNDAY, FEB. 22, 9AM - 3PM

6' TROPHY & \$3K
AWARDED TO BEST OF SHOW

LOCAL CHARITIES BENEFIT
FROM PROCEEDS!

For Car Entry or General Info, call Zach at 605-209-5986 - For Vendor Space, call Denny at 605-390-9731 or Glen at 605-719-9648

**OLD IRON
Company**
SPENCER, IA

Annual
Garage Tour

Save the Date
February 21, 2015

Kickoff at **Oneota Park** at 8 am
425 10th ave southeast
Spencer, IA

for more information and directions,
Contact us at
www.eldironcompany.com

Classified Ads
(Free to All Members)



FOR SALE – Pair of brand new Hankook tires, size 205/75/15. (These won't clear the fenderwell headers on my 56 wagon. They were never driven on!) Price new was \$188, I'll sell the pair for \$150.
Tom Olsen 759-6567

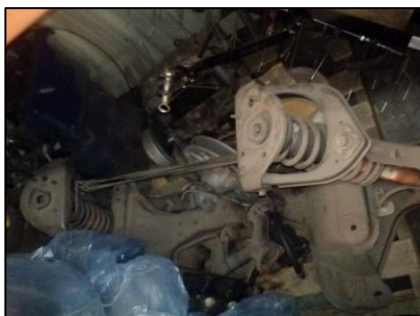
WANTED – Pair of 1933-34 trunk-lid hinges. Call Jim Kuhle, 366-3840

WANTED –Ford FE block engine. 352, 390, etc. prefer complete motor running, or not, but not a basket case, good block, and heads. Call Ken Levene 605-366-1698.

FOR SALE – 1940 Lincoln Zephyr 4 dr. sedan, reliable fuel injected Chevy motor, 700R4 trans., A/C, Tilt wheel, wide white radials. Great road car. Black color with brown mohair interior. Asking \$17,500. Larry Snuttjer 605-351-5385, lsnuttjer@gmail.com.



FOR SALE – 1995 Camaro Sub-frame and front suspension, spindle to spindle, calipers struts sway bar \$100. Sean Ahlers 261-9409



February 13-15, 2015

Sioux Falls Convention Center
FRIDAY: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Profits go to Cure Kids Cancer

2015 celebrity is Stefanie Scott, a famous American actress and singer. Scott is best known for her roles as Lexi Reed on Disney Channel's A.N.T. Farm, Dana Tressler in the feature film Flipped, for which she won a 2011 Young Artist Award, and in No Strings Attached as Young Emma.

winterfestofwheels.com, email to registration@winterfestofwheels.com or WOW Productions, 605-231-3100, 26646 461st Ave., Hartford, SD 57033



FOR SALE – Picnic Tables

I make them in different sizes. Cost depends on size. Inquire to Rick Petersen, 605-201-6073

FOR SALE – 1947 Blue Ford Club Coupe, 302 Ford balanced motor with a B&M 144, Pro-Charger, AOD Ford transmission, Ford 9" rear-end with Richmond 3:55gears, A/C and heat, P.S., louvered and flamed hood, painless wiring, stance is right, fast, reliable, tight Coupe. \$34,800. Contact Bill Kullander 605-366-1158 kullbill@sio.midco.net



FOR SALE – Five wheels, four tires for 92-96 Ford F-150 pick-up / Bronco, Tires are six ply Michelin 34x10.50X 15. Rims are 15", five hole, 5 1/2, 7 wide. All for \$250. Jerry Miller 605-368-2418.



FOR SALE – One wheel and tire for a snowmobile trailer, Tire is 205- 65-10 and has never been on the ground. The rim is 5 hole, 5 1/4 bolt circle Titan brand that is 10 dia. And 6 wide. \$50.00 or best offer. Jerry Miller at 605-368-2418



FOR SALE – 1963 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible, overhauled good interior \$4500, Steve Ollerich 940-4227

