



Cruisin' News

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Blessed With Many Hands

By Clay Seachris

President's message

As I sat down to write this month's message, my mind drifted through all the events and gatherings we've had this winter spending time together beating the winter blues. Then an email came in from the Christmas and Valentine's Party Committee. It was Maritta Husman, LaDell Mertons, Judy Horan and Jayne DeBoer sharing what each of them and their additional volunteers have done and are doing to make this most recent Valentine's Party a success. I hope you all feel blessed and are as grateful as I am for being surrounded by the numerous volunteers and helpers in this club. Every event has numerous people pulling together to make these fun things happen. Through the years cruise or party hosts like Mike and Lori Paulson, Roger and Cheryl Van Noort, Tom and Joyce Olsen, Jerry and Robin Miller, Ron and Karen Roe, Ken and Vicki Levene, Terry and Nancy Jellis, Greg and Teena Frederick, Doug and Karen Walker, Don and Betty Jones, Terry Koch and others give their time and open their places for us to enjoy. We have talented people taking care of business, like treasurer Jayne DeBoer tracking memberships and finances and Mark Bowers managing our website. Bob Schmeichel, Tom Olsen, Karen Roe and Susan Seachris all working together on this newsletter. Betty Heidebrink building our photo albums. Josie Bowers and Sandy Schmeichel taking on the road cruise photos. Our off-season meet-n-eat committee, Terry and Sandy Peterson and Gary and Audrey Jorgenson, do a great job coordinating our gatherings. The summer cruise schedule is coordinated by many Great Plains Street Rodders on the Car Council like Kevin Kappenman, Butch Yesda, Ken Levene, Mark Bowers, Mel Holmbeck, Tom Olsen, Judy Bentson, Tom Cain and others. Even the summer cruises could not be successful without Candi Hanson coordinating supplies and all members serving at the Children's Home Society Ice Cream Social. Oh my, then all the people who man stops at the Annual Poker Run. Wow, now I'm reminded of those who coordinate cruises like Butch Yesda with the Spring Brookings Cruise, Lori Paulson on the weekend getaway to Lincoln, Ron and Karen Roe and helpers who set up the fall foliage Loess Hills cruise last year. Holy moly, I know I'm still forgetting some helpers and volunteers. Suffice it to say, we are blessed with many hands to make this fun. You are all appreciated...without all you helpers and participants, this club would not be the same – thank you!

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



The morning gathering to coordinate the
2014 Loess Hills Fall Foliage Cruise

Long Roof

By Bob Schmeichel

For those of you not acquainted with the term “long roof,” it is the loving nickname given to station wagon-type cars these days as they are being widely accepted into the collector car and hot rod car scenes. Although they have been replaced by vans and SUVs, the early memories of childhood fun in these types of cars, along with parents realizing the practicality of their use, helps hold a connection to many who have had or ridden in one. I always remember my daughter saying, “I want to go in the way back” in the early 80s when we would go on a trip or vacation in a station wagon we had then. Those times came and went but not forgotten with our kids either listening to stories played on the car’s tape player or they were sleeping peacefully as the road glided under us where ever we were going

Ken and Vicky Levene, being avid car collectors, decided it would be fun to have an old station wagon to pretty much recreate some new fun and memories with their grandchildren. Although station wagons are getting hard to find these days, about two-and-a-half years ago, Ken did see one for sale at a Jenson dealership in Sioux City on the internet. It was a rare 1959 Edsel Villager station wagon. Not wanting to miss out led to cruising down to Sioux City later in the week with some car buddies along and making an offer. The venture proved to be fruitless. Even though the car was really nice, the owner wanted way more money than Ken thought it was worth at the time. A few days later he decided to go look at the car again and make another offer. As it turned out, when he got there the original owner had already taken the wagon back to his shop in Le Mars, Iowa. So from Sioux City, Ken drove to the owners shop in Le Mars, which turned out to be an old abandoned Walmart store. Ken said the guy had it packed with old cars and after walking around inside awhile looking at everything, they finally came across the wagon sitting inside near a garage door entrance. After a bunch of small talk, Ken gave the owner his final offer only to have it flatly refused again. So Ken left, like a dog with his tail between his legs, knowing the guy wasn’t going to budge off his asking price. Ken had kind of given up searching for awhile because of that last refusal.

Then about three months later when Ken was in Las Vegas, helping out at the Barrett-Jackson auction with diving cars up to the auction block, he got a call. He knew he was instructed not to take calls when they were in line with vehicles, but still being two cars away from the main center auction spot, he chanced answering the phone on the sly with it on the seat. As it turned out, it was the Jenson dealership in Sioux City calling to see if he still had interest in the Edsel Wagon. Ken told them he was not in a good position to talk right then, but would call back in 15 minutes. So later after rolling off the auction block, he called them back. As they talked, Ken told them that he wasn’t interested with the original asking price, to which they interrupted and said the owner had accepted Ken’s last offer. Ken then said, “Consider it sold!”

Now the story begins. Ken, since getting the car home, has been connected with a National Edsel Forum that has every bit of information about any Edsel car ever built originally, if they still are in existence, what has been done to them and who owns them. After getting the 95,000-original-mile car up to snuff mechanically, next on the agenda will be rechroming the bumpers and a new paint job. Even while fixing the car with what was needed, Ken and Vicky are busy creating memories with the grandkids hauling everyone in the wagon to do whatever. One event that will surely turn into an annual ritual is going to a Christmas tree farm and picking out a tree, cutting it down, strapping it on the wagon’s roof, and heading back home while looking like a scene from 50 years ago. Ken said the grand kids can’t wait to go for a ride in the old wagon, and in the summer when he puts old suit cases on the roof to make it look like they are on vacation, everyone wants pictures of the car when they stop. The Levenes thoroughly love the ride of their Edsel wagon and when it’s parked in front of the old-timey gas station that Ken built in their Lucky K Ranch yard, you really step back in time visually!!



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Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Both are NASCAR enthusiasts, but it's Marilyn who knows how to put the pedal to the metal. She remembers, "I bought a new 1965 Mustang just out of high school. I was cruising the loop with my sister and a friend. Dick and his friend were driving around when they saw us near All Saints School and asked us for a ride in the Mustang. My sister knew Dick because she was dating his brother at the time. After we went around the loop the guys said, 'Bet that thing won't do a hundred.' 'You wanna bet!' I took them out on Interstate 90 and headed for Luverne doing 100 miles per hour."

Marilyn's hair-raising spin snagged her a date with Dick and more. "I saved her life by marrying her," Dick quips. They've been best friends and partners for over 47 years.

"I had a fantastic childhood," Marilyn shares. "There were four girls and three boys. We lived in the West Sioux area and enjoyed going to the West Sioux roller rink on Friday and Saturday nights." She graduated from Washington High and went to work for JCPenney's. "I worked in the office, behind the scenes. I never had another job. I retired after 40 years."

Dick grew up in Sioux Falls, as well. "It was just my brother and me. My father passed away when I was four so we were raised by our mother. We had a great family. After school, I joined the Air Force and was stationed in Texas and Washington state. I was in the Civil Engineers and worked as a heavy equipment operator. For 15 months, I was stationed in Goose Bay, Labrador on an isolated tour. I plowed a lot of snow there. After that, I went back to New Mexico where I was discharged."

After his stint in the service, Dick worked at Dakota Turf for awhile then joined the Minnehaha County Highway Department as a road supervisor. "I retired from there in 2000 and went to work part-time for a road contractor operating heavy equipment. I worked for another ten years and then retired."

The Andersons have experienced some challenging times in their lives. One of Marilyn's sisters struggled with breast cancer and Dick's brother never recovered from a severe stroke. This was especially difficult as Dick's brother was married to Marilyn's sister. The four of them were good friends and did many things together.

Having lots in common, the Andersons both enjoy sports and car events. "We usually take in a Vikings' and Twin's game every year. We've gone to NASCAR races in Kansas City and Phoenix."

"We like to travel," adds Marilyn. "We've been to Mackinac Island, Branson, and other places on other bus tours. We went down the Mississippi on a riverboat and have done a Caribbean cruise."

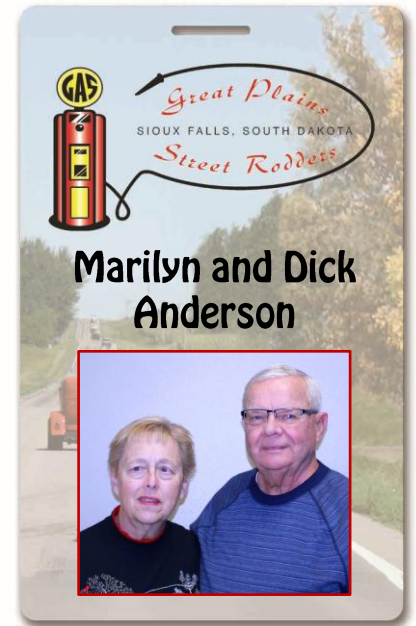
Not one to stay idle, Marilyn has been involved in her church, knitting 120 prayer shawls. She also enjoys crafts and mahjong. "I exercise at the Sanford Wellness Center three days a week and walk three miles on the other days." Her spouse also stays busy, "I'm active in the American Legion working stag nights and for charity events." The Andersons like going to the movies and of course, car events. One they look forward to is the Mustang Rally that takes place on Labor Day weekend out in Sturgis.



A couple of items on their bucket list include more traveling. "What I'd really like to do," says Marilyn, "is to go back to Hawaii for our 50th anniversary. We really enjoyed it there. The other times we visited the islands by plane. The next time, we'd like to take a cruise around the islands."

"Something I still want to do," adds Dick, "is see the Vietnam Wall Memorial. I have a lot of friends whose names are on there."

The easy-going Dick and friendly Marilyn are welcome additions to the car club. We know a little of their history but can't end this without an update. "Mustang Sally" (Marilyn) kept her snazzy, burgundy Ford coupe until 2011, then refurbished it and sold it. It was quickly replaced with a 2012 Mustang. Perhaps Marilyn has a lighter foot now, but we hope she hasn't lost her spunk – UGOGIRL would fit nicely on a personalized license plate.



Thanks Given

The Golden family would like to thank the Great Plains Street Rodders for all the kind words of sympathy and memorial for my mother, Clementine Golden. A special thanks to those who braved the ground blizzard and extremely cold temperatures to attend the visitation and funeral. Mom was a very caring person, loved family, baking and sharing the goodies with others. Even as her health began to fail, she remained positive and was determined to go back to work at Sunshine grocery store giving out samples of food. We miss her dearly. Sincerely, Larry and Kris Golden

Sympathy Offered

Our thoughts and prayers are with Don Hood and his family. Don's wife, Carolyn, lost her courageous battle with cancer January 17. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all Don and Carolyn's fellow members.

Sympathy Offered

We offer our thoughts and prayers to Vern Brown and his family. Vern's son-in-law, Jeffrey "Scrimm" Kuper, lost his battle with cancer February 5.

Congratulations Doug

Congratulations to Doug Walker on your retirement. We wish you stress-free days and can't wait to see the '57 convertible all finished. 😊



Ice Breaker Wrap

By Mark Bowers

We thank you Mike and Lori for hosting another awesome Ice Breaker Party. There were around 80 people there with room to spare and more than enough food to eat. For the ladies, Robin Miller's Superman tribute took the main prize. Sitting on the judge's lap may not have given her the extra points necessary for the win, but was all fair and a nice touch. Pun intended. Nancy Jellis and Lana Kullander took home prizes for ladies honorable mention. The men brought their nerd-i-ness to the garage as well. I have to say that there were a few that got a little too much into it, I for one. Tom Olsen was the big winner on this night with his truly well thought out tribute to nerds. Hat, man purse, suspenders, hiked-up pants and many other touches were great. Bob Schmeichel and Mark Bowers (that's me, aka on that night "Howard Joel Wolowitz") were men's honorable mention.



Speed Museum Tour

Our Annual Lincoln, Nebraska Trip is March 7 and 8. We'll tour the Museum of American Speed and many attend the Manginelli Swap Meet. Museum displays are always changing. Also many shopping opportunities for the guys and gals. You may do as much or as little as you like with the group. Call the Super 8, (402-467-4488), mention Lori Paulson/Great Plains Street Rodders for our group discount.

February Birthdays

(2nd half)

Morris Fick	17
Ken Buchanan	18
Ron Roe	23
Joyce Gough	23
Art Umland	25
Don Hood	26
Tami Ekrem	27

March Birthdays

(1st half)

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Vern Brown	5
Ken Bagley	7
Ken Levene	8
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Vickie Hauge	12
Lisa Frock	13
Les Ramstad	14
Don Jensen	15

February Anniversaries

(2nd half)

Bob and Ellen Van Noort	18
John and Dianne Moore	19
Rich and Melania Barnes	26
Ron and Maritta Husman	26

March Anniversaries

(1st half)

Bill and Candy Sarris-Nelson	9
Mike and Karla Rohde	23

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

2014 Financial Report

Treasurer Jayne DeBoer has compiled our financial report. It's positive, comprehensive and kept available upon request. Annual member dues are our only income. Communication and publications are our main expenses: newsletter, other printing and website. Party support for Valentine's Day, Christmas, the Weinie Roast and Children's Home Society are also significant.

Ice Breaker Nerd Party



What a nice looking group of nerds!



The nerdettes are looking their best for the judges.



Debbie Yesda, Bunny Brady and Sara Vegge take a turn at dropping pushrods in a horn.

Lana and Mark Bowers aka Bernadette and Howard



Jerry and Robin Miller



Bob and Sandy Schmeichel



Betsy and Rick Petersen



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.



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My Dream Biscayne

Late in 1967, I was home on leave from the Army and happened to have a conversation with Ennis Lund while here. We were talking cars, of course, and Ennis quizzed me about what I would buy for a car at that moment, if I was so inclined. Being the Chevy nut that I was, I promptly itemized a yellow 1968 Chevrolet Biscayne, powered by the 427ci/425hp big block engine, Muncie 4-speed, black vinyl interior, maybe a radio, and no other "power robbing" accessories.

Well, when I came home on my next leave, after a year in Vietnam, guess what Ennis had for a race car: yep, the exact vehicle I described, right down to the color and options! You might think that bothered me, but it really didn't, since I wasn't in a position to have bought one like that for myself anyway. And, I enjoyed seeing what had been the car of my dreams from a year or so prior. I did pay some attention to the car over the years, though, whenever I would hear some talk of it.

Ennis raced the car in Stock and Super Stock for a couple years and eventually sold the car; it's been through a number of collectors over the years. At the recent Barrett-Jackson auction, I'm told the car sold for a cool \$88,000. Not bad for a bottom-of-the-line full-size Chevy that sold for around \$4,000 new!

Recipe

Chocolate Lasagna

From the kitchen of Betty Heidebrink (served at the Ice Breaker Party)

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| 36 Oreo cookies
(regular, not double stuff) | 2 tbsp cold milk |
| 6 tbsp butter, melted | 12 oz. tub of Cool Whip - divided |
| 8 oz. cream cheese, softened | 2 - 3.9 oz. pkg. chocolate instant pudding |
| ¼ cup granulated sugar | ¾ cups cold milk |
| | 1½ cups mini chocolate chips |

In a food processor, crush Oreos into fine crumbs. Put in a bowl and use a fork to mix Oreos with 6 tbsp butter. When the butter is mixed in, press the Oreos into a 9x13 inch pan and refrigerate. Mix cream cheese until fluffy, add 2 tbsp of milk and ¼ cup sugar, and mix well. Then stir in 1¼ cups Cool Whip. Spread mixture over the crust. In a medium bowl, mix instant chocolate pudding with ¾ cups milk. Wisk until pudding thickens. Spread pudding over cream cheese layer. Let stand for 10 minutes to firm up pudding. Spread remaining Cool Whip over top and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Put in freezer for 1 hour or refrigerate for 4 hours before serving.

Happy 30th Anniversary

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the car club. Many of you know and others remember 1985 when the group officially became the Great Plains Street Rodders. Friends with similar interests formed the club to be one of the host clubs for the '86 National Street Rod Association's Mid-America Nationals held at the fairgrounds. There have been little changes through the years as the club grew and expanded. The focus of being together having fun, cruising, eating and showing cars as a group of close friends has remained. Thank you for keeping the club together.



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

2/18/15 Hy-Vee Deli – Minnesota Ave.
3000 S. Minnesota Avenue, SF

2/25/15 Roll'n Pin Family Restaurant
3015 W. Russell Street, SF

3/4/15 The Cracker Barrel
2409 S. Shirley Avenue, SF

3/11/15 Buffalo Wild Wings - Louise
2601 S. Louise Avenue, SF

3/18/15 Pizza Ranch – East 10th
3809 E. 10th Street, SF

3/25/15 VFW
3601 S. Minnesota Ave., SF

4/1/15 Crack'd Pot
1430 N. Minnesota Ave., SF

4/8/15 To Be Announced

Brookings Cruise to Nick's Burger's

Nick's Burgers Cruise is April 25th. We will meet at the Flying J at 12:30 and leave at 12:45.



2014 staging at Flying J before heading to Brookings.



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

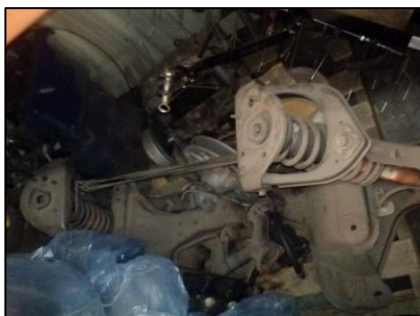
WANTED – Pair of 1933-34 trunk-lid hinges. Call Jim Kuhle, 366-3840

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



WINTERFEST OF WHEELS 2015
Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb 13th 5-10pm

- Opening ceremony & special guests- 5pm
- Live Band- Big Red Rawkit Riot- 5-8 pm
- Old fashioned Rock n Roll and Rockabilly classics

Saturday, February 14th 10am-9pm

- Coloring Contest 11am-2pm
- Awards at 2:30
- Stefanie Scott 1-4pm and 6-8pm
- Model Car Contest 10-3pm
- Awards @4pm
- Make & Take Car building- 3-4pm
- Zoo Express 5-8pm

Sunday, February 15th

- Olaf from 'Frozen" will be there 1-4pm

Be sure to check out all the Vendors inside as well as the vendors outside the exhibit hall open during all show hours.

- “Ditch Your Man” Room
- Art For You
- Model Car Contest
- Swap Meet & Memorabilia

ADMISSION: \$9.00 for adults
Weekend passes available for \$15.
Or at J&L Harley Davidson in Sioux Falls you can buy tickets for \$8 and J&L donates \$2 to Cure Kids Cancer

Children 12 and under FREE!
If accompanied by adult.
All profits go towards Cure Kids Cancer