



Cruisin' News

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Home From the Lincoln Weekend

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Again there was a large group that caravanned together to Lincoln to enjoy the warm weather, tour the Museum of American Speed, go antiquing, wine tasting, shopping and check out the huge swap meet. We arrived at Speedway Motors early enough to pick up some parts and enjoy the warm, sunny outdoors before heading across the parking lot to the Museum of American Speed. It was nice of the museum to give out coupons – next year we'll have to remember to get our parts after the museum tour. We had a nice mix of veteran museum goers mingling in with first-time attendees. I enjoy the museum every year; the displays and cars change, the time with friends is always fun and making new friendships is always rewarding. The highlight of this year's tour was when the museum's exhibit designer, Jarrod Roulet, asked me to get together the club members so he could sneak us into their newest wing that isn't open to the public yet. Other museum guides mentioned we must really be special to have been allowed into that area as it doesn't have ropes or signage set up yet. That addition is really cool and next year we should meet at the "Land Speed Diorama" to get a group photo with the Bonneville land-speed cars. The builder of the 300+ mph MacKichan-Schulz Streamliner works at the museum and a story was shared of John MacKichan in his racer, when after a 344 mph pass, the chute failed to open causing the brakes to overheat and fail so it took him 13 miles to get the Streamliner stopped. The variety of cool cars, engines and other memorabilia just keeps expanding every year. They currently have many more cars waiting in storage for continued expansion projects.

Next year the women may want to plan a shopping excursion. Some the ladies were showing off their free shoes they got at Dillards. Others went wine tasting at Nebraska's largest winery, James Arthur Vineyards.

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In the new wing, Ron Roe shows how close we could get to cars like this Curtis Turner NASCAR 1956 Ford Stock Car.

Old/New Memories Continued

By Bob Schmeichel

Some time around the early part of 1959, Jim Solheim's father bought a 1956 Ford Customline out of Minnesota that had been put through the paces and used as a police car. The car was a basic 4-door sedan but with a 312 Police Interceptor engine, dual exhaust and a 3-speed transmission with overdrive. The doors that were previously painted white were painted black like the rest of the car with it still retaining its original police added spot lights. Although the car was originally bought to be a family car, Jim first learned to drive with this car and eventually wound up driving it more than anyone else. Living on a farm, there are always chores to do or take care of before anything else could happen. I have always felt that farm kids grow up with being responsible for what is directly around them while kind of being sheltered from the rest of the world. Because of that Jim always looked forward to a break running to town for whatever was needed by his dad to keep the farm going, which usually involved driving the '56 Ford. Later as Jim got more acquainted with and braver about driving the '56 faster, he started to realize that it was faster than most cars in the area at the time. Jim noted it was easy to beat other cars from stoplight to stoplight in town, and if the challenge took them out in the country on the highway, shifting it into overdrive insured Jim would walk away from whoever thought they could beat him on the top end. Another thing he remembered doing as a pranky teenager then was driving down gravel roads in the country at night with his buddies and lighting up parked cars that romance was going on in with the spot lights on the '56. He said smiling, "It made a lot of people mad but if you had a fast car you could get away with it." Victoria, Jim's wife of almost 50 years, commented that they started dating in the car, too. As those innocent times went on, the car eventually got wore out and was traded for something newer. Jim also moved on and became a farmer himself as he still is today taking care of 1,000 acres and cattle at the same time. There is no rest for the living when it comes to having a farm. After Jim and Victoria raised a family and now with the kids on their own, the empty-nest syndrome set in. Feeling a little more at ease with their picture in life at that time, an idea came up between the two of them to recapture some of those earlier memories and see if they could get another '56 Ford again to do so. It's one of those great freedoms that comes with aging.

Then about three years ago while attending the Ford Car Show in Sioux Falls, Jim met Forest Conrad who had a really nice '56 Ford convertible on display. After a bit of small talk about their common likes about '56 Fords, Jim mentioned to Forest that he was kind of looking for another '56 Ford. Forest said he had a second '56 Ford he might be interested in selling sometime down the road. So Jim gave him his telephone number and left it at that. About a year later Forest called Jim back saying that his wife had lost interest in the '56 Ford Victoria he had built for her to drive and wondered if Jim was still interested. With that invitation, Jim and Victoria went to Yankton the next day to check it out. They were pleasantly surprised to see what had been done to the '56 Victoria to enable Forest's wife to drive it. It had been converted from a 3-speed overdrive trans to an automatic transmission, along with the addition of power steering and air conditioning. Jim said it was really hot that day so the air conditioning in the old Ford was a selling point for the test drive. The older two-tone paint combination looked gorgeous with the newly rechromed bumpers. It didn't take long and they were driving the car home and continue to drive it as much as they can since. Both Jim and Victoria both love the attention the car brings them, probably more now than so long ago. Jim said there is kind of an irony to the story about this car. Jim likes original cars that are all numbers matching, and since the '56 Victoria isn't all original, it has always kind of bugged him. Jim said he has known Archie Dunham, one of our car club members, for quite a few years. Jim said while visiting with Archie not too long ago, Archie admitted to buying the parts taken off the Jim's '56 Victoria when Forest did the conversion 20 some years ago.

Jim said to this day he is kind of biting at the bullet to buy the original parts back.

And then with Archie being a Ford collector, too – we'll have to see how this story unfolds, or not.



SCHMEICHEL 2015

Thanks Given

Dear Great Plains Street Rodders, thank you so much for the memorial for Carolyn. During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. She will be missed very much. Don Hood and family

Thanks Given

The Kuper and Brown family thank you very much for your thoughts, prayers and support upon the passing of my son-in-law, Jeffrey "Scrimm" Kuper. It meant so much to all of us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all. Vern Brown

Thanks Given

We would like to thank the car club for the memorial on behalf of my father, Melvin DeBoer. 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 the Van Noort family. Their father, Bernard "Bernie" Van Noort, passed away February 20. Bob and Ellen Van Noort, Roger and Cheryl Van Noort, and Doug and Laurie Van Noort are all long-time active Great Plains Street Rodders. We've had them in our thoughts and prayers often lately as their dad, Bernie, went through tough medical issues. We continue offering our friendship, support, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The club sent a memorial on behalf of all their friends.

Heartfelt Thank you

The Van Noort families would like to thank the Great Plains Street Rodders for the memorial, their cards, and their presence at the visitation and funeral for our dad, Bernie Van Noort. As you may have witnessed, our dad had amassed a lot of friends over his 90 years and was a very fun loving yet gentle and kind man. We thank all of you for your valued friendship.

NSRA Inspection Day

The Annual NSRA Inspection Day is May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renner Garage, Renner, S.D. The process is free, fun and only takes minutes. Bob Schmeichel is one of the volunteer inspectors and they're all helpful guys. They follow NSRA Safety Inspection guidelines and also share years of experience to help you have a safe season. The inspections are only advisory and not a legal clearance.

Valentines Synopsis

There were 93 present at the Valentine's Party. Thank you party planners Maritta Husman and Judy Horan for organizing the evening, catering, with help from Candi Hanson, and the social mixer game with help from Gale Horan.

We've reserved LifeScope's banquet room for Feb. 10, 2016. Maritta retired from the Valentine's Party Committee. So, if you'd like to help Judy Horan plan next year's party, let Clay Seachris know.



March Birthdays

(2nd half)

Rick Johnson	17
Mike Miller	17
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Rich Barnes	30
Clair Steiner	30
Scott Brady	31

April Birthdays

(1st half)

Debbie Yesda	4
Steve Kirton	6
Junie Herschberger	15

March Anniversaries

(2nd half)

April Anniversaries

(1st half)

Don and Betty Jones	2
Loren and Shirley Fick	4
Larry and Shirley Snuttjer	4
Ken and Vicky Levene	4
Ivan and Kathy Buskol	6

Dates Are Mid-Monthly

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

Want a Club Plaque?

The club is currently taking orders for plaques. We've got ten pre-orders so far and are hoping to purchase 30 plaques. With that production volume the cost is \$20 per plaque. If you want one please contact Clay Seachris as he'll be placing the order very soon.



February Fun... Valentine's and Winterfest



Is Owen first in line, again?



Did Terry find Scarlett?



Cheryl Van Noort and Mel Holmbeck



Tom and Joyce Olsen debut their 1956 Wagon at Winterfest



Mike and Deb DeBoer's 1953 Chevrolet



Larry and Shirley Snuttjer's 1911 Chalmers Roadster



Eric and Patt Anderson's 1987 Buick Grand National



Dick Gaddis' debuts his 1972 Plymouth Cuda

Photographs and Memories by Tom Olsen



Lost Too Young

This wild 1932 Desoto Coupe belonged to Steve Ellis Garlich, from Pipestone, Minn. Many of my fellow "seasoned citizens" may recall Steve as the lead for the very popular band Steve Ellis and the Starfires. Steve put a 418ci Olds engine in this hot rod with 6 2-barrel carbs, custom headers and custom interior. The car was painted a couple different times at Teal's Body Shop (North Cliff Ave.); once blue and once the metallic gold seen here. The car was shown at numerous car shows, including the 1966 World of Wheels show in Sioux Falls. It was also raced at area drag strips, including Thunder Valley in Marion, S.D., where it held the B/Altered record in 1967.

Steve was an accomplished musician and took the area by storm with the rock and roll group Steve Ellis and the Starfires in the mid 1960s. Steve was 22 and at the top of the area music scene when he was involved in a motorcycle crash in August 1967 and died a few days later. Steve's mother sold the car following Steve's death, and the family has lost all track of it.

Help Find This Car...

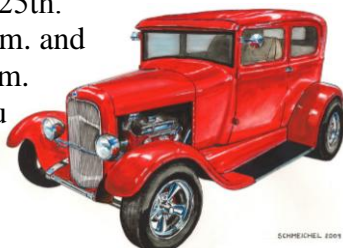
I am in touch with an area historian who is interested in the whereabouts of the car. If anyone has knowledge of that, please let me know, and I will relay the information.

Save the Dates

A Ladies Spring Fling is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. at the Metro Station in Brandon. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share and a white elephant gift. A white elephant gift is something unusual you purchased or were given that no longer has value to you but has value to others. Thank you Cheryl Van Noort for hosting. Watch for more details.



Nick's Burgers Cruise is April 25th. Meet at the Flying J at 12:30 p.m. and leave for Brookings at 12:45 p.m. More details to come. Thank you Butch Yesda for organizing the Brookings Cruise again this year.



From the Valentine's Party



Mike Paulson

Carol Lee



Meet-n-Eat Schedule

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 Woody's Bar and Grill

900 S. Marion Road, SF

4/15/15 Shenanigan's Pub

1903 Tea Ellis Road, SF

4/22/15 Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

1100 West 41st Street, SF

4/29/15 Harris Burgers

106 E. Willow St., Harrisburg

5/6/15 Wendy's, W12th

400 S. Lyons Ave., SF

From the Valentine's Party "Social Mixer Game"



Ron Husman

Karen Walker



Errica Lindquist

Scott Brady

Recipe

Crêpes with Mascarpone Cream and Roasted Blueberries and Cherries

From a magazine provided by Jim Kuhle

Crêpes

1 cup flour
1 egg
1 ½ cups whole milk
¼ cup sugar
Pinch of salt
Butter

Mascarpone Cream

8 oz. heavy whipping cream
8 oz. mascarpone cheese
(can substitute 8 oz. full-fat cream cheese and add an additional ¼ cup heavy whipping cream)
5 tbsp sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract

Topping

2 cups blueberries
2 cups cherries, halved and pitted
¾ cup sugar

Prepare the crêpes: Combine flour, egg, milk, sugar and salt in a bowl; mix until well blended. Melt a dab of butter in a 7-inch crêpe pan over medium heat. Add ¼ cup batter and cook for about 2 minutes each side. Remove from the pan and stack between sheets of waxed paper. Let the crêpes cool before filling; otherwise, the filling will melt too quickly. **Prepare the mascarpone cream:** Combine all ingredients and beat until well blended. **Prepare the topping:** Preheat oven to 400 F. Combine blueberries, cherries and sugar in a bowl and mix gently to blend. Spread on a rimmed sheet pan and roast for 10 minutes. **To assemble,** lay the crêpes flat. Put ¼ cup of mascarpone cream on each one and fold in half. Top with the hot, roasted fruit. Makes 8 servings.

Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)



WANTED – Classified ads

Free help to sell something, or find something. Just email (or reply to any club message) the information and a picture if you have one to president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com

Recipe

Sugar Cookie Party Mix

From a magazine provided by Jim Larson

6 cups Rice Chex™ cereal	2 tsp pure vanilla
¼ cup butter or margarine	¼ cup powdered sugar
¼ cup sugar	1 oz. white baking chocolate
2 tbsp corn syrup	1 to 2 tsp sugar sprinkles

Measure cereal into large microwaveable bowl. Line cookie sheet with wax paper. Melt butter in a microwaveable bowl for 30 seconds. Add sugar and corn syrup; microwave uncovered for 30 seconds, until mixture is heated and can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour over cereal, stirring until evenly coated. Microwave uncovered for 2 minutes; stir after 1 minute. Sprinkle with powdered sugar; mix well. Spread on wax paper. Microwave white chocolate for 30 seconds or until it can be stirred smooth; drizzle over top. Sprinkle with glitter or sprinkles.

