



Cruisin' News

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“Great” Due to Parts

By Clay Seachris
President's message

This is a little philosophical, so bear with me. Similar to many things in life, when building something, I pay close attention to details and figure the outcome will follow. I figure the finished product turns out great because of the little things; great parts, detailed assembly and making sure all those great parts blend and harmonize to create a finished product greater than the sum of the parts... I also figure this is why the Great Plains Street Rodders club is such a great club. It's great because of the parts, all of you, and our friendships.

As usual, this summer we've had many club members as gracious hosts, planners and helpers. Some memorable club host gatherings have been Koch's Cruise Night, Olsen's Cruise Night, the Ladies Brunch, the Sherman Park Potluck, and the Annual Poker Run. We've had cruise planners exploring new cruises and so many great cruise-ins and car shows I'm no able to name them all. Even now, we've got members planning winter fun.

The annual club Weinie Roast at Roe's is coming August 26. This is another memory-making event hosted by our very own Ron and Karen Roe. Their green space, firepit and shelters offer a perfect setting for a fun evening. The club pays for the hotdogs and pop. This is much more than just hotdogs, many bring potluck items and lawn games. Kids of all ages enjoy making and eating s'mores. You may bring your hotrod that night, but don't feel it's necessary, just attend and enjoy. Let's try to park hotrods on the east side and down the middle. We can park daily drivers on the west side to allow the cool cars better sun for photo opportunities. Thank you.

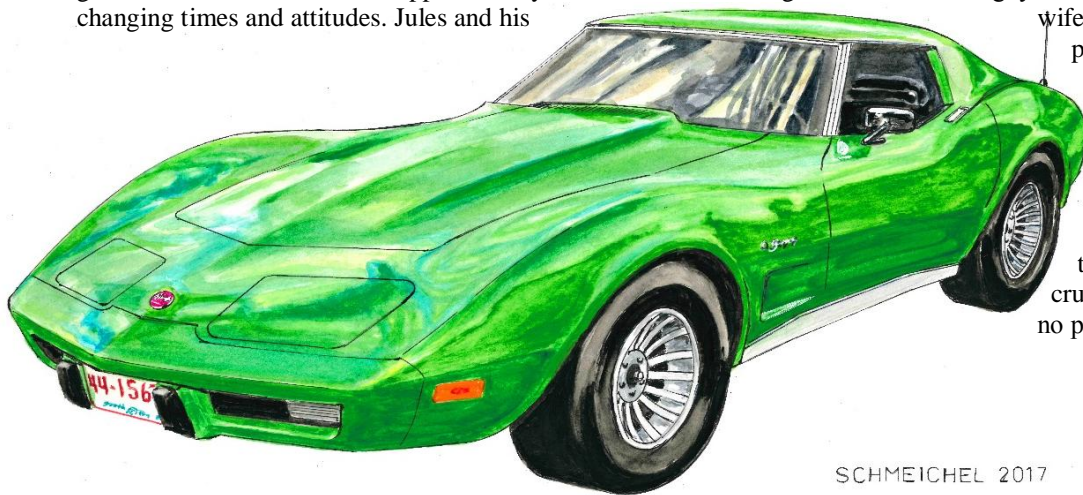


Now or Never Then

By Bob Schmeichel

We are blessed in America to have so many freedoms and choices even with the way things are today with technology advancing faster all the time. Everything seems to be a continual learning curve requiring keeping up or being left behind and struggling. So much has changed in just the last 30 years that really makes you wonder where it is going to take us or stop. I think the majority of us have seen or witnessed big changes in automobiles since their infancy from the early 1900's thru to today. That is underlined more so today when you see where the auto manufactures have come in the very recent years since the introduction of computerized technology, design, and machine work. Because of that vehicles of today are more trouble free than ever with big horse power while getting pretty decent gas mileage which is becoming more common place any more. That is a pretty cool thing since cars from not that long ago where lucky to get 10 to 20 miles per gallon with 250 to 425 horsepower that needed way more attention to keep them performing the same way all the time. I am sorry to say that a lot of today's auto manufactures are working towards creating self-driving electric automobiles that will enable people to physically unhook from driving long distances. There still may be some driving required to get you out onto the highway, but once you get to what might be considered main stream traffic, you'll be able to engage an auto pilot system like an airplane and let the computer in the car with its GPS take over driving you to your destination. This may allow you to you work or play on your I phone as so many already do , watch the country side, or sleep without worry of watching what is in front of you. Sound far-fetched? Watch! There are already self-stopping and parking cars, and even some are being dialed in to drop you off at your office front door, then go park itself in a parking lot. I think autos in general are expensive today, but I am thinking autos will become so much more expensive in the future because of technology that no one will own a car anymore, but just pay for rides like a taxi cab with your finger print. I guess that is why I relish the independence associated with old cars, where I can completely control with my driving actions and continue to enjoy the natural adrenalin rush when I chose to step on the gas pedal more than necessary. I would hate to see this self-control experience for my grandkids disappear and just accept a ride for where ever they need to go. But I guess it is just what you grow up and old with, and how things never stay the same.

Jules Haper grew up in the 60's and 70's as most boys did then, with dreams of having a Corvette someday. He was telling me when he was younger he would get advertisement brochures at the dealerships on new Corvettes and wear them out after a week of paging thru them. Let's face it, the Corvette has been the most desired American made car since its beginning with all ages. It has maintained its iconic status with continual design changes every year, more horsepower recently with smaller engines, and today almost an unattainable window sticker price for an average person. It is impossible to not look at one of the newer Corvettes even if you know you can't afford one. For me with the way I think as a former package designer. It's fun to see the slick changes with new lines on the outside that lend to new ideas in interior design. Everything works together visually. Jules told me he bought his 1975 Corvette Sting Ray more because of a midlife crisis thing he felt 22 years ago thinking if he didn't buy it then, he probably never would. He got enthused about this unusual green Corvette sitting in at Frank Stinson Chevrolet car lot that needed a paint job and exhaust. To Jules the work needed wasn't a big deal and bought the car. After having the car for a while and getting most of the small stuff corrected back to new, he had Lonnie Bueker repaint the car its original bright green metallic paint. I am not sure if Jules realizes it or not, but the green color on his Corvette was only painted on 1664 Corvettes produced in 1975 out of 34,531 total Corvettes built that year. I think it makes this car rare considering I painted Corvettes back the 70's for a living for a couple years and never saw one that color. The other things that make his Corvette unique are the options, T-Tops, black leather interior, air conditioning, power steering, power windows, automatic trans, posi rear end are just a few that make the car unique to itself. Back then you could order a car with specific options or not if you didn't want them. It was your choice. Most new cars today come from the factory loaded with everything, which is considered standard today with no real choices whether you want it or not, you just pay for it. Jules mentioned he was kind of soured with the stigma he felt after having his Corvette for a while and the way public viewed Corvette owners. He has gotten over that but thinks it happens to anyone who has something new that the next guy doesn't have, human nature I guess with changing times and attitudes. Jules and his



wife Marilyn have driven their Corvette pretty much all around the country with no real issues that ever left them stranded. He still calls the car ,“old reliable” fun even with Jules adding, “I’m getting older and with gravity setting in, it just gets a little harder to get out of the Corvette , but it still keeps the blood flowing when you are in it cruising down the road in front of you with no particular place to go.”





Behind the Wheel

By Karen Roe

Candi seems an appropriate name for one who works in a bakery preparing and serving products that make life “sweeter” for all of us. Employed by Hy-Vee for nearly 30 years, Candi Hanson gets up BEFORE the chickens. “I have to be at work by 2 a.m. so I'm up when some people are just going to bed.” Candi prepares all of the breakfast items, icing and glazing rolls, filling orders, working alone until the rest of the crew shows up at 4:00.

A local girl, Candi grew up on a farm near Lyons, Iowa. “I was the oldest kid. There were 6 girls and 1 boy. I went to West Lyons, a country school near Larchwood. After that, I went to Stewarts School of Hairstyling and worked a couple of years as a beautician. Then, I decided I wanted to be a hostess in a restaurant. Later, I got a job as a waitress in the bar at the Monarch in Renner.

Candi and Bones give new meaning to the phrase “one night stand”. “I only worked at the Monarch one night. That was the night I met Bones.” Bones adds that the Monarch was a regular hang-out and that he and the new waitress talked off and on until the restaurant closed. A year later, the two “tied the knot” in spite of Bones' vow to 1) never marry a woman who worked in a bar 2) never marry a blonde and 3) never marry before the age of 30. It seems Bones struck out on all three counts but at the same time, managed to hit the bull's eye. They've been married a little over 40 years.

Bones' background is similar to his spouse in that he, too, grew up on a farm, only near Lyons, S.D. There were also 7 children with 2 girls and 5 boys. “After high school, I drove a scraper and gravel truck for road construction, then I drove a semi for a few months. I worked for a year at Morrell's in hog kill and then I went to work for the school system. I worked in several buildings, the last one for 19 years. We all had certain areas and I did cleaning and lunches, then retired after 36 years.”

The Hanson's have one daughter, Brandy, who works for a plastic surgeon at Sanford. “She lives with us off and on when she's working here but she goes to Gregory a lot. She bought a house in Dallas, S.D. that she rents out and sometimes helps out at the bar in Gregory.” (Owned by Bones' cousin).

A year ago, the Hansons faced a fierce challenge. Bones relates, “I had a 4 by-pass surgery and after that my sternum broke apart. I had surgery for that but it broke again. The third surgery worked but then I got an infection and had to go back to the hospital. Altogether, I was in the hospital for a couple of months.”

Back on track, the Hansons enjoy doing things together during Candi's free time. “We like to go to auctions, flea markets, county fairs, and the car events.” Bones adds, “I used to do some pheasant hunting and fishing but not anymore. We're cutting down on going to the auctions. We've got too much stuff.”

Their favorite car events are the Watertown rod run and Back to the Fifties. Bones comments, “I still like to see all the cars. We sit by one of the entrances so we see everything. Some of the vendors are good, too.” Recalling one of the car events from years past, Candi had to chuckle. “There was one time when we drove the '64 to the Lincoln, Nebraska car show. Bones thought he was all ready to show the car but when he opened the hood the motor was still covered with chrome polish.” (Not a problem, all experienced street rod guys know to keep their polishing equipment handy.)

Candi admits that they've probably done most of the things that they've wanted to do but there may be a few things left on their bucket list. Bones says,

“I'd like to go to Hawaii someday or maybe Vegas. I've never been there.” Candi adds that a cruise down Route 66 might be fun. Right now, Candi's job ties them down but isn't that bad considering all of her vacation time. “It's like the old saying goes, 'Take time for vacations now, there will always be work'.”

Long-time members of the car club, the Hansons are usually aware of what events are taking place in the area. Candi's the “go-to” gal for any information. (For most things, that is) Asking Candi “What's for dinner?” might not get much response but if you want to know what's coming up for the week-end, she never disappoints.



**Bones and Candi
Hanson**



2017 Summer Cruise Schedule

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISES, approximately 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Open to all car enthusiasts. *No Vendors/Peddlers allowed at Car Council Events*
Schedule is also posted on greatplainsstreetrodders.com

08/23/17 Bethany Meadows, Show-n-Shine

3008 E Aspen Blvd, Brandon, SD

08/30/17 Dakota Digital Cruise Night

4510 W. 61st St. N, Sioux Falls, SD

09/06/17 First Reformed Church (Youth Group Fundraiser- "Fifties Drive-In")

4800 S. Tomar Road, Sioux Falls, SD

09/13/17 Meadow Barn at Country Orchards

1690 Willow Street West, Harrisburg, SD

09/20/17 Executive Touch / Subaru

85th & Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD

09/27/17 NAPA Auto, Tea

27095 Katie Road, Tea, SD



Great Plains Street Rodders Annual Wienie Roast
at Ron and Karen Roe's, (48282 Creekview Circle, Brandon.)

Saturday, August 26.

Snacks and social starts at 5:00 p.m. - Eat around 6:15 p.m

This is also a potluck, so there's much more than hotdogs. Show up with a hot-dish, salads, or desserts to compliment the picnic.

Bring games as there's lots of green space for children to play. Kids of all ages will roast marshmallows and make smore's as the sun goes down.

Car club provides the hotdogs, ketchup, mustard, relish, water, drinks (Coke products) and eating utensils.

You don't want you to miss this wonderful social gathering.





