



Cruisin' News

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Enjoying Autumn

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Autumn is upon us and we've begun to keep our jackets on hand as we enjoy the cool evenings. Picnics, afternoon cruises seeing the foliage and evenings around a fire pit are some of the things I enjoy in the fall. We'll enjoy cruising as long as possible, but again the social aspect of the group stays the same regardless of weather.

We had a blast again at Labor Day head-count picnic at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. We're already making plans to do this again as long as there is picnic weather. It worked well to just split the bill and enjoy the fried chicken feast for five bucks. Thank you to those who went above and beyond to bring desserts.

Many of us enjoyed the Annual Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown. There were a number of weekend changes this year; we'll be more prepared for next year. Watertown residents probably wondered why so many hotrods were driving around aimlessly through neighborhoods as many streetrodders navigated to garage tour destinations. Dakota Sioux Casino management shared that we don't gamble enough and may take rooms reserved for "high rollers." They implemented a short-term room reservation rule for next year. It was also strange for the live band to clear the stage (which cleared the lounge) for the evening pay per view women's Mixed Martial Arts fights. Oh well, again, we'll roll with it. I'm proud the Great Plains Street Rodders received the "Best Car Club Participation Award." Thank you Vintiques for a great weekend.

Thank you all so much for a fun summer. We'll keep planning picnics and cruises until the snow flies. As the weather turns cold, you may leave the hotrod at home and continue the laughs.



Keeping a Survivor Real

By Bob Schmeichel

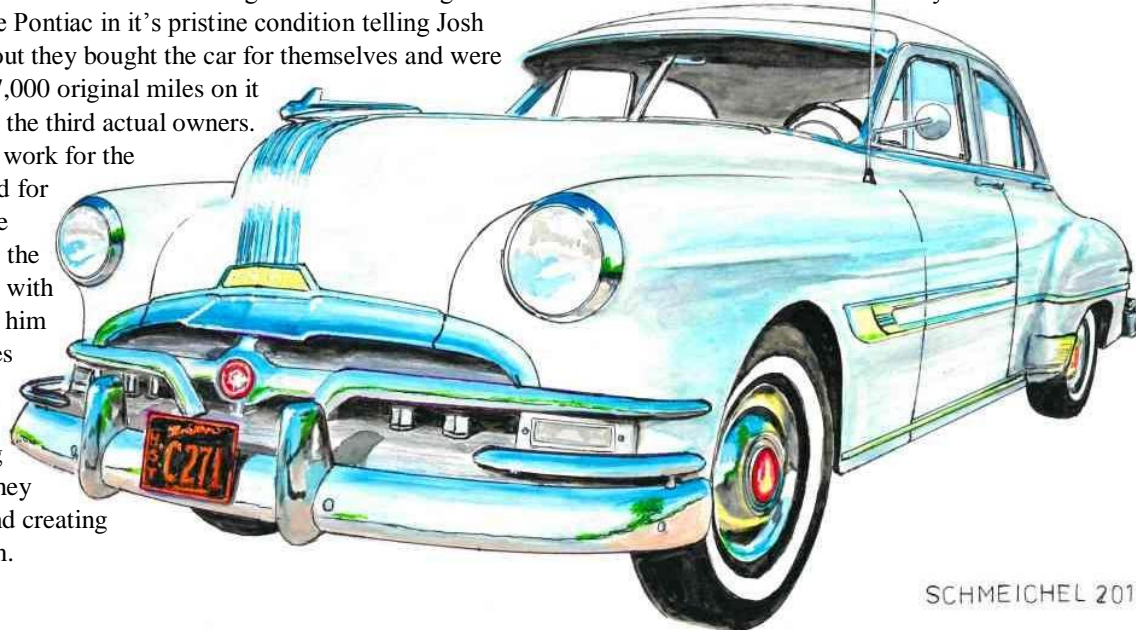
You have heard me express many times I have felt that the younger generations' interest in cars is disappearing. Well after attending a car show at Excessive Autosports of Sioux Falls a few of weeks ago I was amazed at the large numbers between 16 to 30 year olds with their cars attending. It was fun to see these kids relating to each other the same way us older car nuts do! These were not only high horse power turbo charged tuners, but a large variety of makes of cars, whatever the owners chose to be different with many unexpected Chevy LS conversions done to them with only speed in mind. I have to say I have a new found respect for these younger people who have no problem explaining with enthusiasm all they have done with their cars, at least as far as what they want you to know. I am smiling knowing that no one tells all their secret go fast tricks.

Dyno tests done there that day during the car show showed 400 plus horsepower at the tires out of Honda four cylinder engines as common place along with many LS converted cars pushing close to 1400 HP or more depending on how they were forced to breathe. Speed is not dead, it's just in a new form, and along with that I am starting to realize and have to admit that younger kids still have an interest in cars that I thought was going away. This is fun to see!

I was also quite enlightened when interviewing some younger club members for our latest GPSR feature car, with their 1952 Pontiac Chieftain. Before we got to the story of the Pontiac, Joshua Frock explained his family background and showed me old pictures of why he is so mechanically inclined. His back ground is pretty deep rooted starting with his grandfather Frock partnering up with Art Arfons in the early 1950's in Akron, Ohio followed with all the builds and endeavors they went thru together. The Art Arfons name might sound familiar to older hot rodders, but for those who don't know or remember, he was the first guy to put turbine jet engines in a tractor for tractor pulls, Bonneville land speed racers, and later jet powered drag cars. If nothing else the "Green Monster" name should help ring a bell which was used on numerous vehicles that Joshua's grandfather was heavily involved with during the Arfons name go fast career. Even though Josh is not very old yet, he is so grateful he grew up around this what he calls crazy go fast time in his life with tractors, cars, and motorcycles. He remembers riding around and learning with his dad and grandfather when parts had to be found for one thing or another they were working on. And other times hanging out at Art Arfons business that they graciously called, "the junk yard dog" with old jet engines hanging all around thru out the business location. Because of 3 families, the Arfons, the Frocks, and the Swensons growing up together in the Akron Ohio area, everyone was friends and worked together towards making each others dreams happen no matter what directions they went in. The memories and history created with these 3 families working together made a definite mark in America's need for speed picture but in a different way with turbine jet engines that hasn't gone away yet.

Josh's main excitement has always been on two wheels although he has found time now and then away from his Air National Guard profession, to help his dad out when it came to getting a 60's car into good running mechanical shape. About 5 years ago his dad David, who is also in the Air National Guard while stationed in Rapid City, asked Josh to go check out some older cars he couldn't get to, at an auction in Chancellor, South Dakota the following weekend. Josh was glad to check out the auction for his dad but had to pick up his wife Lisa at the airport before they left. She too works for the Air National Guard and was returning from a temporary duty assignment that day. After picking her up and still in fatigues she agreed to go to the auction with Josh to see what was there. After getting to the auction location, they walked around to visually check what was for sale. There was a lot of old stuff you typically see at auctions along with a few 50's something Buicks and a single 1952 Pontiac. Josh's wife Lisa immediately fell in love with the art deco front look of the Pontiac in it's pristine condition telling Josh they had to have it. As it turned out they bought the car for themselves and were surprised to find out it had only 7,000 original miles on it since new along with them being the third actual owners.

Because both Josh and Lisa both work for the Air Guard their time off is limited for enjoying the Pontiac. Because the car has sat so long, Josh replaced the fuel tank, fuel lines, and tinkered with the carburetor which has amazed him how well it starts, runs, and drives today. Besides putting new tires on the car and changing all the fluids, Josh and Lisa aren't going to change a thing from the way they found it and enjoy cruising around creating new memories with their children.





Classified Ads

(Free to All Members)

FOR SALE – **1964 Galaxy 500 2dr Hardtop**, all new interior, recent paint and restoration updates. Asking price is \$25,000. Call Mel Holmbeck for more info or make an offer. 361-2740, “Dorothy and I enjoy this Ford. I’m just looking for something different.” ☺



FOR SALE – **2004 Corvette** \$22,500, 42,000 miles
Call Roger Corkill 605-334-3250



FOR SALE – **Visio Surround Sound**
Sound bar with remote woofer \$75.00, Or best offer. Call Milo Gunderson 605- 310-4520

FOR SALE – **Life Styler Treadmill** \$50.00,
Or Best Offer, Call Milo Gunderson 605-310-4520

FOR SALE – **Gas Furnace** \$175, Or best offer.
Upgraded to a newer HVAC system. This is the “take out”. Worked perfectly in 2600 sq ft home.
Great Garage Furnace. Wide: 17 ½”, Tall: 35”,
Deep: 28 ½”





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



09/20/17 Executive Touch / Subaru

85th & Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD

09/27/17 NAPA Auto, Tea

27095 Katie Road, Tea, SD

Every October to May, Great Plains Street Rodders transition to a supper social club.
Please join us. Many gatherings have special group rates. Guests are welcome.

(2017-2018 Schedule) Schedule is subject to change to accommodate the group's fun.

Oct. 4 – Harris Burgers

106 E. Willow St. Harrisburg, Regular menu items

Oct. 11 – Shenanigan's Pub (26th & Ellis Rd.)

3809 E. 10th Street, SF, Regular buffet items

Oct. 18 – Hartford Steak Co. Tavern

709 N. Mundt Avenue, Hartford

Oct. 25 – VFW

3601 S. Minnesota Avenue, Special priced items

Nov. 1 – Monarch Steak House

47409 – 258th Street, Renner

Nov. 8 – Marlin's Family Restaurant

108 S. Minnesota Avenue, SF

Nov. 15 – Crack'd Pot

1430 N. Minnesota Avenue, SF, Regular menu items

Nov. 22 – Pizza Ranch – East 10th

3809 E. 10th Street, SF, Regular buffet items

Nov. 29 – Buffalo Wild Wings - Louise

2601 S Louise Ave., SF, Regular menu items

Mention club to hostess so you don't need to wait in line

Dec. 6 – VFW

3601 S. Minnesota Avenue, Special priced items

Dec. 13 – Brandon Steakhouse

1308 East Rushmore Drive, Brandon

Dec. 20 – HyVee Market Grill – (49th/Louise Ave.)

4101 S. Louise Avenue, SF

Dec. 27 – Pizza Ranch – East 10th

3809 E. 10th Street, SF, Regular buffet items

Thank you Meet-n-Eat Committee: Cory Enderson, Sandy Gunderson, Ron Friedbauer, and Bruce and Suzie Aldrich.

