



Cruisin' News

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Startin' Up a New Year.

By Clay Seachris
President's message

The Great Plains Street Rodders finished 2009 with 176 members representing over 185 specialty cars ranging in years from 1923 through 2010. The variety of cars and styles are very impressive. The photographer taking our group photo last year said, "I just cannot believe the mix of cool cars and trucks you guys have, there's a little of everything here." I've had numerous people call for parades, senior photos and weddings who are amazed at the kinds of cars we have to choose from for events. Muscled cars continue to be the most popular car of the club with over 60 cars from the sixties and seventies. Street rods, cars older than 1949, are in close second place for most popular with over 60 cool cars. We have 34 cars from the fabulous fifties and the tri-five Chevy's play a big part. Modern hotrods, 1980 and newer, make up a portion of the cars our members own, including Corvettes, Trans Ams and the new Mustangs, Challengers and Camaros.

The diverse cars and backgrounds of our members come together and blend well as we all have so many similar personalities, and of course together we love cars, cruising, socializing and eating. We're just a fun, dedicated group. With weather close to blizzard conditions, we still had around 40 members at the last couple car club meet-n-eat socials.

Club officers and members have been meeting as part of the Siouland Car Council and organizing the summer 2010 Wednesday Night Cruise schedule. Our club will again host a root beer social at the Children's Home Society, a poker run and the Bethany Meadows Show-n-Shine. Check tentative dates on www.sioulandcouncil.info. Pocket-calendar schedules will be printed again this spring.

Derrick Stokes has been spending winter evenings updating our website with additional feature car paintings and pictures of our times together. Check www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com to see the updates.



Better Than Ever Before

When Rob Baatz bought his 1987 Pontiac Fiero in 1994, he knew it needed a lot of work. But that didn't daunt him; rather, he decided to create additional work to be done on the car.

It was a project car from the beginning, and after numerous customized touches, some people don't even recognize the car as a Fiero.

He stripped the car down to the frame and installed a new suspension, engine and interior. The power-plant is a supercharged 3800 V-6 from a 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP. It fit in place of the Fiero engine with few modifications, but then the wiring, and hoses took six months to work out, plus he had to custom make an alternator bracket.

Not satisfied with a hotrod Fiero, Rob went on to add some extensive custom touches to the body work. He cut the roof to install T-tops, made his own, one-off, custom rear quarter panels and designed air scoops for the hood and rear deck. Sometimes asked why there is a hood scoop on a mid-engine car, he says it helps immensely cool the engine, since the radiator is still mounted conventionally in the front.



It took a year to get the car on the road, but he has been working on the details ever since then, having only painted it the GMC yellow color two years ago.

The most common, and perhaps unusual question he gets about the car is, "What is it?" Then when he tells them, they say, "That don't look like a Fiero," Rob related. But Rob doesn't mind.

"That's the point," he said. "It's unusual, stands out."

Even while finishing this one, he bought a 1985 Fiero and rebuilt it, although not taking it to the extreme as his first one.

"The yellow one, we really chopped and cut, a lot of crazy stuff to that one," he said.

Does that mean he went too far on the '87 Fiero. Not at all. In fact, he's looking for his next project now, and he wants "something bolder to do."



Sympathy Offered

The Great Plains Streetrodders extend our sympathy to Dwight and Ruby Johnson. Their daughter, Tamara "Tami" Johnson, 36, passed away November 23. Cards may be sent to Dwight and Ruby, 47696 - 69th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. The club has sent a memorial.

Thank you

We wish to express our gratitude to the club and all the members who offered their support in such a difficult time.

Thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers.
Dwight and Ruby Johnson

Sympathy Offered

We offer our sympathy to John and Sonja Lynch. Sonja's father Lyle Starks passed away Wednesday, Nov 25. He was 91 years old. Cards may be sent to John and Sonja at 604 N. Meadowbrooke Lane, Sioux Falls, SD 57110. The club has sent a memorial.

Membership Renewals

Annual renewals are being accepted. You may submit dues to treasurer, Jayne DeBoer, or secretary, Amanda Mullinix.

The 2010 dues are still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single.

You may send renewals to Jayne DeBoer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103 or give them to any officer at Wednesday night meet-n-eats.

Wanted: Old Photos

The *Cruisin' News*, publisher and website, webmaster are looking for digital photos to display to help celebrate 25 years of cruising and having fun together as Great Plains Street Rodders.

We've all seen many photos in albums and scattered in boxes going back to 1985 when the club began. We'd like to share those memories in the pages of the newsletter and on the website this year celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

So get out those cruising photos showing your 80's hair styles and the hotrods you had from the past.

The photos need to be digital for publishing, so please scan those old photos and email them or compose a disc and submit them to any club officer.

The goal is to have a section of old photos in next month's newsletter.

Lincoln Road Trip

Join us Saturday, March 6, for a road trip to the Speedway Motors Museum in Lincoln, NE. We will meet and leave at 7 a.m. from Marlins at the Tea exit. A tour of the Speedway Motors Museum is scheduled for 2 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$5.

The Rocky Mountain Memorial Swapmeet starts Sunday morning at 7 a.m. If you are looking for deals, the Harbor Freight retail store is open Saturday and Sunday.

Look for the road trip flyer for details or call Lori Paulson at 351-0416.

January Birthdays

Matt Butler	2
Larry Gannon	3
Shanda Schlechter	3
Ike Wiese	5
Grace Bradshaw	5
Glenna Burns	7
Fred Lambert	10
Jean Tlustos	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
John Lynch	15
Randy Ludwig	16
Carlotta McKittrick	20
Doreen Wiese	21
LaDell Mertens	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Butch Yesda	29
Nancy Jellis	31

January Anniversaries

Ike & Doreen Wiese	12
Allen & Shirley Alby	20

February Birthdays

Derrick Stokes	1
Jim Hansen	2
Don Jones	2
Jane Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Bonnie Britt	12
Faye Gallagher	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14
Morris Fick	17
Ken Buchanan	18
Ron Roe	23
Joyce Gough	23

February Anniversaries

Roger & Cheryl Van Noort	3
Larry & Janet Gannon	11
Terry & Sandy Peterson	11
Bob & Ellen Van Noort	18
Rich & Melania Barnes	26

How to Evade a Ticket

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding and says, "Is there a problem, officer?"

The young officer says, "Ma'am, you were speeding. Can I see your license please?"

The lady says, "I'd give it to you but I don't have one -- lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving."

"I see," the officer says. "Can I see your vehicle registration papers please?"

"I can't do that," the lady says.

"Why not?" the officer asks.

"I stole this car."

"Stole it?"

"Yes," the woman responds, "and I killed and hacked up the owner."

"You did what?"

"His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see," she says.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun.

"Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please," the seasoned officer commands.

The woman steps out of her vehicle and says, "Is there a problem sir?"

"One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner," the senior officer tells her.

"Murdered the owner?," she asks.

"Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car," he says insistently.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

"Is this your car, ma'am?" the senior officer asks her, now somewhat confused.

"Yes, here are the registration papers," she dutifully responds.

The officer is quite stunned, and says, "One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license."

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer. The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

"Thank you ma'am," he says. "One of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner."

She answers, "Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too."

Ole, The Fire Chief

One dark night outside a small town in Minnesota, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye exploded into massive flames.

The alarm went out to all the local fire departments. When the volunteer fire fighters arrived, the chemical company president rushed over to the fire chief.

"All our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$100,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact!"

But the roaring flames held the firefighters off. Soon, more fire departments had to be called to the desperate situation.

In the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight.

It was the Norwegian Rural Township volunteer fire department composed mainly of Norwegians well over the age of 65 in their truck used in local parades. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant and, without even slowing down, drove straight into the middle of the inferno.

Outside, the other firemen watched as the old-timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire and fought it back on all sides.

It was a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the Norse old timers had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas.

The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000 and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters.

The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?"

"Vell," said Ole Olson, the 80-year-old fire chief, "Da first ting ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat darn truck!"



Meet-N-Eat Schedule

Schedule posted on
GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com.

- Jan. 13** – Shenanigan’s Pub
- Jan. 20** – Hy-Vee, S. Minn
- Jan. 27** – The Cracker Barrel
- Feb. 3** – The Royal Fork
- Feb. 10** – Valentine’s Party
The Brandon Steakhouse
- Feb. 17** – Granite City
- Feb. 24** – Valentino’s
- Mar. 3** – Pizza Ranch, Brandon
- Mar. 6** – Lincoln Road Trip
- Mar. 10** – Ramkota Restaurant
- Mar. 17** – Tea Steakhouse
- Mar. 24** – Main Street,
Larchwood
- Mar. 31** – Pizza Ranch, Tea
- Apr. 7** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
- Apr. 14** – IHOP E 10th
- Apr. 21** – Sioux Valley Energy
Building, Brandon
- Apr. 28** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.

Hobo Stew

The Annual Hobo Stew Party is Sunday, January 24th at the El Riad Shrine on 14th & Phillips starting at 4:30 p.m.

The only thing you need to bring is a can of something to add to the stew. Bring anything normally found in a stew, so use your imagination.

All car enthusiasts are invited. Please invite any car fanatics you know and join us to enjoy a meal and meet new people with similar interests from around the area

The Great Plains Street Rodders usually provide items like cookies, bars, cakes and pies for this event.

2009 Christmas Party





Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)

FOR SALE – **16-foot Lund fishing boat**, twin 18hp Johnson, 2 tanks, 2 fish finders, new battery, rod holders, 2 anchors; \$2,800. Call Melvin Holmbeck 361-2740.

FOR SALE – **1946 Ford 2-door sedan**, Saleen Mustang front end, 11-inch brakes, steering done, nine-inch rear end, Mono leaf rear springs, bodywork needs to be finished. \$4,600.00. Call Allen Alby at 334-3472.

WANTED -- **1968 Buick Skylark** with good body parts, need not run. Also need a set of 15-inch, 5-spoke mags to fit a Chevy and a set of 15-inch wire wheels with 4 ½ inch pattern. Call Eric Anderson 712 380 4969

FOR SALE – **Rocker panel side trim**, stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. \$10. Call 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

FOR SALE – **Chevy 15-inch steel rims** with hub caps from a 1951 Chevy, four for \$50 OBO. Call 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

FOR SALE – **Book full of pictures of old cars**, new, entitled "For The Love of Cars." Local cars are among the many photos. Special price of \$22 (retails for \$28.99), tax included, for members of the Great Plains Streetrodders. Contact Brian Lee, 605-498-0178

FOR SALE – **1957 Chevy chassis**. Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543.

FOR SALE – **Ford shop manual** for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Contact Ken Buchanan.

FOR SALE – **NOS 1973-198?** Chevrolet/GMC P/U, Suburban, Blazer rear tailgate trim molding (black insert) \$25.00; GM Aluminum Big Block "Chevrolet" logo black powder coated valve covers with fasteners and grommets new in the box, \$125.00; complete set of Big Block GM High Performance 1.7 stamped steel rocker arms, pivots and nuts new in the box \$50.00; Complete 396 CI Chevrolet Big Block date coded L-1-5 (Dec-1-65), Holley 600 CFM double-pumper carb, Edelbrock Performer 2-O aluminum intake, GM HEI distributor, 8.5 mm ignition wires, strong performance hydraulic cam, fuel pump, needs valve guide seals, \$2000.00; Chevrolet Big Block 9 qt oil pan cleaned & painted black, \$25.00; 9" Ford rear end housing with 28 spline axles bracketed for 1958-1962 Chevrolet full size car 5 x 4 ¾" bolt pattern, \$100.00; set of 20 Stainless steel Chevrolet metric wheel lug nuts new never installed, \$20.00; new Chevrolet/GM 454 HD fan clutch new in box, \$30.00; 1993-1999 Chevrolet/ GMC P/U Suburban, Blazer rear tail lights converted to LED lamps (plug in) \$50.00, pair of John Deere lawn tractor wheels sand blasted painted JD yellow 12"x12" for 400 series tractor, \$60.00; snow mobile trailer axle with springs and tounge, \$50.00; pair of trailer tires & wheels, bias ply 205/75x14 spoked wheels 5x4 1/2" bolt pattern \$30.00. Call Mike Miller 605-360-8546

FOR SALE -- **1972 Buick Riviera**, 455 c.i., auto. Needs deck lid and front seat upholstery. Good straight body, vinyl top, boattail. Runs and drives. New front discs. \$1500. **1975 Buick Riviera**, 455, auto, very good body, needs some plastics and front bucket seat torn. One owner car that has the turbine wheel covers. Excellent bumpers and chrome. Runs and drives. Call Eric Anderson 712 380 4969

FOR SALE – **2002 Lincoln Continental**. Contact Don Mertens deltadon79@hotmail.com

FOR SALE -- **3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end** (excellent condition), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill Kullander, 605 366-1158

FOR SALE -- **NOS 1966 Chevelle rear bumper**, still in GMs factory rubberized wrap. I've seen them listed on E-Bay in the \$450-\$500 range. The first \$375.00 cash will own it. Call Jerry at 368-2418 for more details.

FOR SALE – **1952 Packard parts**, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571.

WANTED – **Classified ads** for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter. If you are a member of the club, it'll cost you nothing. But it can help you sell something, or find something. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at bg4given@gmail.com

