



Cruisin' News

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Making Summer Memories

By Clay Seachris
President's message

What a summer it's been. We've had lots of cruises, picnics, car shows, ice-cream runs and just about anything you can think of to have fun with our cars and enjoy the summer together.

The root-beer social at Children's Home Society was another wonderful memory-maker for us and the children. The kids look forward to seeing us every year and it's impressive how much they know about our cars. They struggle to pick "just one" *HotWheels* car for themselves and enjoy grabbing reading materials to take back to their rooms and dream of cruising in the cars featured on the pages.

Our annual Poker Run was a blast again; we ended up in Canton. Terry's fishing game will be the highlight of that event. All winners were members. Check out our website to see pictures of this fun time.

Fey's, *Cruise to the Farm* had perfect summer weather. We enjoyed cruising to Fey's together. Group cruises are always awesome, and the long string of hotrods on the highway is a cool sight.

A number of you enjoyed being chauffeurs again in the Canton Area Classic Car Parade, and there are tons of photos of the Miss South Dakota and other title holders from across the state. Others just enjoyed the evening cruising the streets of Canton and hearing the stories from the pageant-girl drivers.

We have added a number of new members, so try to keep an eye out for fresh faces and cars. After spending the summer together, last year's new members are already GPSR veterans and old friends.

Well there's more summer to be had, join in and enjoy. Many events have past, but there are still some of the best times of the summer left to make memories. Keep an eye out for Weenie Roast plans.



Back Where It Belongs

Tom and Joyce Olsen bought their 1969 Chevelle SS 396 new in September of 1969, right after starting their new life together.

Tom had returned from service in Viet Nam in January of that year, and the couple was married in July. Tom still had about 7 months of service in the Army left when the couple was married, and they moved back to Fort Monmouth, NJ, after the wedding. After a couple months back in New Jersey, the 1964 Chevy they were driving developed some serious engine issues, and the couple decided it was time for a new car.



Tom and Joyce visited Kitson Chevrolet, in nearby Eatontown, NJ, and found a couple likely prospects sitting on the showroom floor. One was a white '69 Camaro 427- 4 speed car (now known as a super rare "COPO" car), and the other was a Butternut Yellow 1969 Chevelle. The Chevelle was equipped with the (L-78) 375 horsepower/396 cubic inch engine, Turbo 400 transmission, and 4.10 positraction rear end. The car had black bench seats, AM radio, SS package options, and few other options. Somehow, Tom convinced Joyce that this would provide great, basic, everyday transportation! (The automatic equipped Chevelle did seem more reasonable than the "rock-crusher" 4-speed, 427 Camaro to all concerned.) Tom and Joyce traded off the tired 64 Chevy for the \$3800 brand new SS396 Chevelle and promptly began cruising the Jersey shore in their new daily driver!

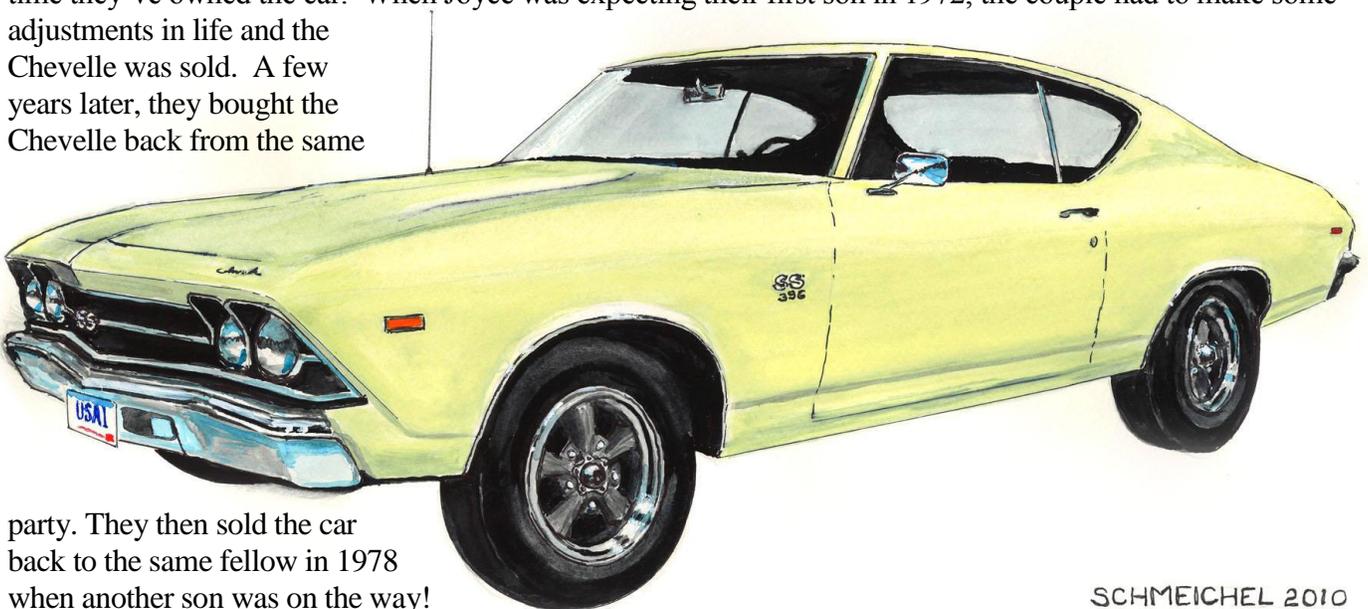
In February of 1970, Tom's enlistment in the Army was up, and the couple headed back to Sioux Falls in the Chevelle. Short of a few items Uncle Sam shipped home for them, all of their worldly possessions were packed in the Chevelle. The drive home from New Jersey was a slow and costly one with the 4.10 gears. On the way home, logic again took over and the couple stopped at Couch Auto, then a famous speed shop in Des Moines, to pick up a set of Hooker Headers for the car. The car was so full, they had to un-box the headers and set them next to Joyce on the front floor/seat area.

After settling in back in Sioux Falls, the Chevelle was driven regularly and raced periodically at Thunder Valley and Empire Dragway. (Stories even seem to surface of an occasional contest on surrounding highways, although that's likely urban legend.)

Although Tom and Joyce own the Chevelle currently, and they are the original owners, this is the third time they've owned the car. When Joyce was expecting their first son in 1972, the couple had to make some adjustments in life and the Chevelle was sold. A few years later, they bought the Chevelle back from the same

party. They then sold the car back to the same fellow in 1978 when another son was on the way! The Chevelle then went through a succession of owners and they lost track of the car for many years.

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One evening in 1985, when Tom was just going on duty as a night shift patrolman for the Sioux Falls Police Department, Tom spotted what appeared to be “the Chevelle.” He followed the car a few blocks until it pulled into a convenience store lot. He got out and struck up a conversation with the owner, most likely scaring the young fellow half to death. Very quickly, Tom was able to identify the car as the original Chevelle. The car wasn’t for sale at the time, but Tom and the owner stayed in touch over the next several years. Each time they talked, Tom asked that if the owner ever thought about selling the car, that would he at least give Tom a call.

Out of the blue, in 2000, the same fellow called Tom and asked if he was still interested in the Chevelle. Tom assured him he was, checked with Joyce, and made the earliest date possible to look at the car. The Chevelle had been up on blocks in inside storage for about 13 years, and showed 68,000+ miles. The original Sun Super Tach and Stewart Warner gauges that Tom installed in the car in 1970 were still intact in the car! The parties quickly settled on a purchase price (around double what the car sold for new) and the Olsen’s bought the car immediately, before anyone changed their mind.

The Chevelle then underwent a complete frame-off restoration over the course of the next few years. Midwest Paint and Body in Hull, Iowa did the body and paint work. The engine work was done at J & L Precision Automotive near Tea, SD. Tom did the frame, suspension,

wiring, and most of the other detail work himself. While the restoration is generally to better-than-showroom-new standards, Tom elected to keep a few of the items “period correct”, such as Cragar SS wheels, Hooker Headers, vintage Sun Tach, etc.

The Chevelle now spends it’s time attending Wednesday and/or Saturday evening cruise nights and a few car shows a year. The Olsens are adamant that they won’t be letting go of it again; certainly no more family is planned, and they’re doubtful they’d ever be so lucky as to buy it back a fourth time.

Poker Run Winners

Our Annual Poker run, with stops taking us south, finished in Canton. Carlotta McKittrick won the hand with three Kings and received \$69. Dean Gough came in second with three 8’s. Dale Aurit won for having the worst hand of the evening with his highest card being a seven. Terry Jellis with his memorable fishing game was a huge hit.



August Anniversaries

Mike & Jean Tlustos	7
Darwin & Jane Sletten	8
Ron & Jackie Heemstra	14
Jules & Marilyn Haper	15
Doug & Laurie Van Noort	15
Ron & Karen Roe	23
Don & Carolyn Hood	29

August Birthdays

Joyce Olson	5
Owen McKittrick	6
Cheri Kappenman	6
Brian Lee	7
Darla Goebel	7
Terry Jellis	9
Laurie Van Noort	12
Jeanne Matthews	13
Dale Aurit	17
Betty Heidebrink	17
Judy Bentson	18
Jean Knowlton	18
Jeff Knowlton	19
Shirley Alby	19
Glenn Walker	20
Vicky Levene	20
Robin Miller	22
Erin Brunner	24
LaNette Gregersen	27
Terry Koch	28
Garry Remme	28
Buck Schrader, “Big 70”	31

September Anniversaries

Kevin & Cheri Kappenman	6
Kirk & Michelle Lee	7
Bones & Candi Hanson	11
Keith & Darla Schmuck	11
Jason & Christine Jellis	15
Terry & Kathy Koch	16
Garry & Audrey Remme	19
Jerry & Robin Miller	29

September Birthdays

Jayne DeBoer	1
Chuck Kellogg	2
Jeannine Ogle	4
David Frock	6
Marilyn Meyers	7
Julie Slumskie	10
Dianne Corkill	12
Sheila Miller	14
Audrey Remme	20
Kris Golden	21
Sherrey Kellogg	25
Dale Kiebach	26
Bill Kullander	30

At the Pool

By Karen Roe

I hang up the phone and chuckle with glee. The family is coming in two weeks and the girls want me to go to the pool with them. Oh, what fun! But then my chuckle dissolves into a pitiful groan. Going to the pool means only one thing – Grammy has to get a new swimsuit!

The next day, at the mall, I plow feverishly through a rack of women’s swimwear. Are these for real? I can’t believe how an article of clothing that is 85 percent air could be so expensive!

Finally, I select two or three suits that might have possibilities.

After donning the first suit, I stare at my reflection. If the mirror could talk, it would quip, “Right, Honey, think again!”

I quickly discard it and try on several others. They are either cut too low at the north end or too high down South. The tummy-slimming panel doesn’t seem to be doing its job either. “Taping a frisbee to my middle would probably be more effective,” I grumble to myself.

With firm resolution, I march from store to store until, at last, I find one that has a more modest design. I sigh with relief. At least in this one, I don’t look like a matronly Barbie doll. Now for the swimsuit cover-up. Do they still make “moo-moos”? I wonder, as I continue on my quest.

Later on, I put on the suit, eager to see if I pass the first inspection.

I sashay to the living room and twirl, self-consciously, before the “inspector.”

“What do you think of my new swimsuit?”

The inspector looks up from his street rodder magazine and studies the model for a few seconds.

“It looks pretty good.” Wisely, there are no snickers or snide remarks. After decades of marriage, Husband has learned a little tact or at least self-preservation tactics.

“Pretty good, huh?”

I take that as a huge compliment and head back to the bedroom. Tomorrow, I will make the guy a delicious breakfast with no burnt toast or rubbery eggs. They’ll be just the way he likes ‘em!

In a few days, the much-anticipated visitors arrive! The next morning dawns bright and sunny, a perfect day for swimming or lounging near the pool. We gather lotion, towels, and sunglasses. We change into our suits and Grammy crosses her fingers for good luck.

At the pool, Mom finds a place to spread her towel, anxious to open her book and begin basking in the sun.

The girls scamper along the edge of the pool, and I follow along behind until they jump in.

Now comes the moment I’ve been dreading! I begin peeling off my cover-up with all the confidence of a nun in a chorus line.

Cautiously, I look around the pool. No one is actually staring. In fact, there seems to be several other grandmas of all

shapes and sizes. Some of them are swimming and having a great time!

I dip my toes into the water. It is a little cool, but I’ll get used to it.

“Get in, Grammy,” the oldest one eggs me on.

I wade into the water up to my hips.

“Get wet, Grammy, get really wet.” They splash playfully at me and I splash back. Soon I resemble the cat that got dunked in the lily pond.

We frolic in the water-- bouncing up and down, and diving underneath for imaginary fish. Our bottoms and the water slide are soon on familiar terms.

Before we know it, the afternoon has come to an end. Happily exhausted, the little “mermaids” and I climb out of the pool.

Towelng off, I have to confess to myself....this has been a lot of fun! So what if I’m not Esther Williams. So what if I don’t look like Esther Williams.

We pick up our totes and Mom and I grab the girl’s hands. We chatter, excitedly, on our way out. We’re already planning another day at the pool.



Car Council Schedule

Every May we join with everyone attending the Wednesday Night Cruises coordinated as a member club of the Siouxland Car Council.

Schedule on siouxlandcouncil.info

Aug. 20-22 – Yankton River Boat Days

Aug. 21-22 – Brookings Wing Festival Car Show

Aug. 25 – Cruise to Dell Rapids

Aug. 28 – Colorado Tech Show

Aug. 26-29 – Kool Deadwood Nights

Sep. 1 – Cruise to Ohnstad's Collection, Harrisburg

Sep. 3-5 – Midwestern Nationals

Sep. 8 – Sertoma Park Potluck

Sep. 10-12 – Vintiques Rod Run

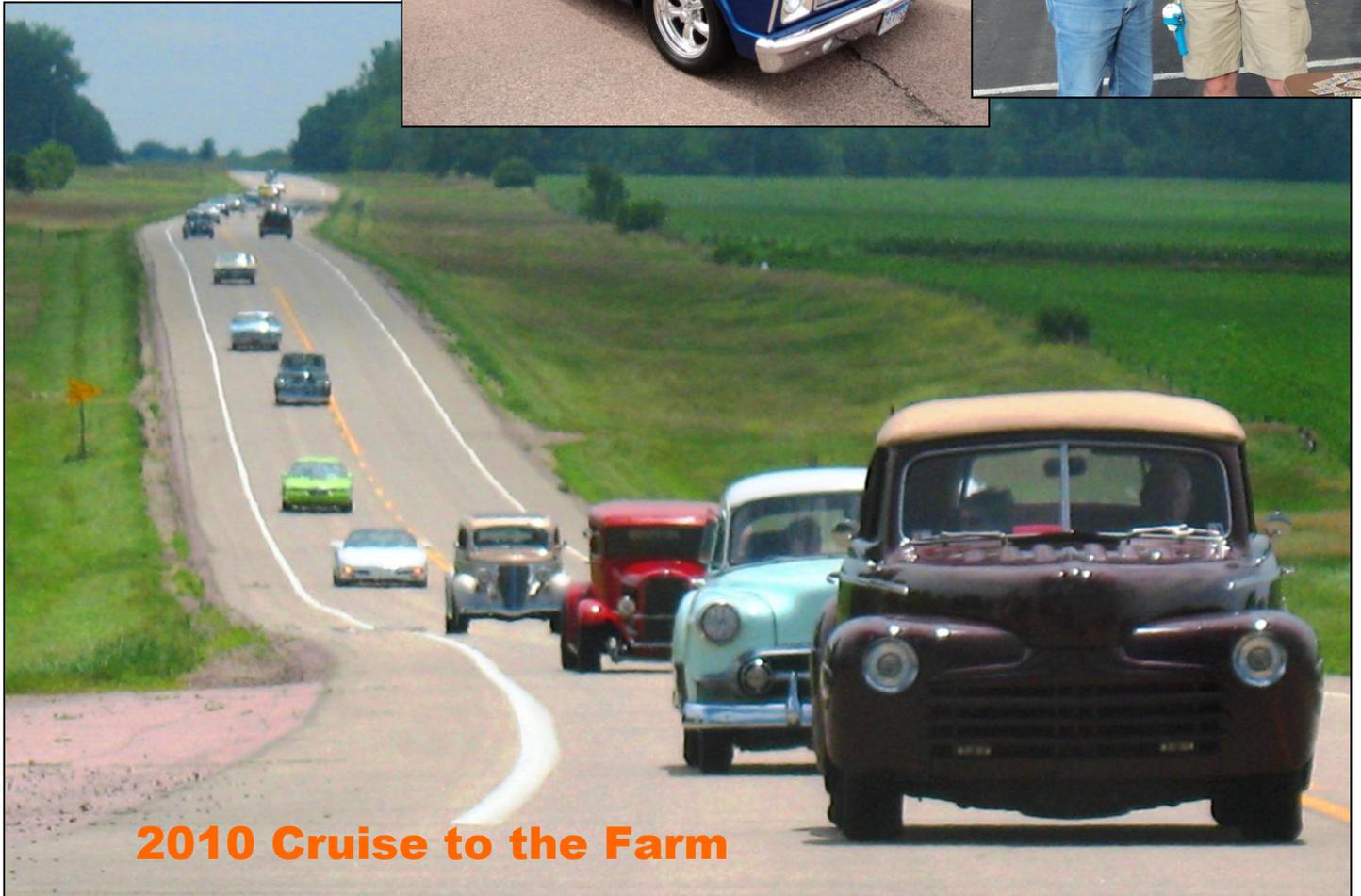
Sep. 12 – First Evangelical Free Church Show

Sep. 15 – Trail Ridge Retirement

Sep. 18 – Jalopy Kings Show

Sep. 22 – SV Energy Bldg

Sep. 24-26 – Outkast's Cruise



2010 Cruise to the Farm

Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



WANTED -- **1937 Ford 2dr Sedan Project.** On budget so less expensive the better. Don't need eng/trans interior etc. Just body and frame. Call Kirk @ 605 376-2927 or email krklee@gmail.com

FOR SALE -- **GM 12 Bolt Rear-End,** complete, non-posi unit. This rear-end came out of a '72 Monte Carlo SS, so it has the extra SS side brackets, hose and 4 links with it. This rear-end is direct factory 12 bolt fit for '68-72 Chevelle, '70 Buick Special, '70-72 Grand Prix, '70 - 72 Monte Carlo, '71-72 Sprint (G.M.) and a '70-72 Tempest. These GM rear-end are getting very hard to find anymore. \$500.00. Call Larry G. at 351-6263

WANTED -- **'66 - 67 Nova parts car,** 2-door 4- door or wagon, and any parts for a '66 - 67 Nova. Call Larry at 351-6263.

FOR SALE -- **1995 Ford Mustang** coupe, 3.8 V-6 needing work with 2nd V-6 available that has factory replaced heads; body & interior good condition; make an offer. Call 605-759-5315.

WANTED -- **1974 Nova, Ventura, Omega or Buick Apollo dashpad.** Need positraction unit for '74 Nova. Call Eric Anderson, 712 380 4969.

FOR SALE -- **Tripower setup** for small block chevy. 2gc carbs, chrome linkage, polished fuel log & lines. Includes air cleaners & progressive linkage. Show ready. \$1075.00 with new intake, \$775.00 without. Call Ike Wiese at 507 920 6134 or email dorike@iw.net

FOR SALE -- **1927 all steel Ford coupe.** \$15,500 Originally built 1959-60. 232 ci Studebaker w/ 3 spd. Upgraded to discs 2006. 16x10 American rears, Hallcraft wires on front, 54 Olds rear. Call Dwight at 371-5898

FOR SALE -- **GM Crate Motor-** 350 C.I. 385hp It is currently on a start up stand at Terry Kochs' shop if someone wants to see it and hear it run. \$3500.00 or best offer. Call 321-4581.

FOR SALE -- **1989 Ford F150** 4x4 long-bed pickup truck with 300 c.i. six-cylinder motor. Body has some rust but interior is good. Features chrome grill guard and windshield sun visor. \$1,800. Call Brian at 605-498-0178.

FOR SALE -- **2002 Lincoln Continental.** Email Don Mertens at deltadon79@hotmail.com

FOR SALE -- **Rocker panel side trim,** stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. \$10. Call 498-0178 or 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 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, 605-498-0178

FOR SALE -- **1957 Chevy chassis.** Call Ron at 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 -- **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.

FOR SALE -- **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 call Mike Miller 360-8546

WANTED -- **Classified ads** for the 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

