



Cruisin' News

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We're Staying Busy – Cruising!

By Clay Seachris
President's message

I'm sure there have been beautiful, summer evenings where we've all thought, "I'm tired, I just want to relax and watch TV tonight." During those tired times, just remember it could be dark, freezing weather with 6-foot snow drifts.

The Sherman Park picnic potluck was fun – as usual. The parking lot is always a great place to park. Enjoying the weather under mature shade trees makes it a great place to hang out, eat and enjoy friendships.

There was a good turnout at Terry Koch's shop. Thank you to Terry for hosting again this year. This is one of the fundraiser grillouts that goes towards charitable giving. Kevin Kappeman, Dale Kiebach and Fred Gorwill were great behind the grill, and Terry had a host of friends serving us hungry hotrodders.

The Luverne Buffalo Days cruise night had great weather and the small-town main-street atmosphere brings back memories of simpler times. Another wonderful evening to cruise, have dinner with friends, enjoy cars, cruise for ice cream, share more laughs and then cruise home. The little ice cream drive-in, surrounded by hotrods, seemed like a scene from some '50's cruising movie.

Dakota Digital was an awesome facility, tour, food and people. I sent a thank you card on behalf of all of us Great Plains Street Rodders. Seeing a prototype gauge cluster prior to its public release was a real privilege. Irony is earlier that day I was part of a conversation suggesting such a thing would be very cool, but did not think it possible or probable. Now it's very probable to be in my next build.

We've started some of our hosting. I've got so many helpful friends to thank for this summer already: Sandy Schmeichel for coordinating the pink sweatshirts order; Terry Peterson for helping with the jacket order; Betty Heidebrink with newsletters and member directories; Candi Hanson for coordinating root beer float items. Oh man, where do I stop? I'm so fortunate to be surrounded by such good people. Let's keep laughing, having fun and making memories. As we stay busy – cruising.

Please check siouxlandcouncil.info for summer schedule information. As always, check greatplainsstreetrodders.com for updates, photos and to read or print this newsletter in color.



Family Influence

John and Sonja Lynch love their 1970 Dodge Super Bee convertible, even if it is a Mopar product.

“I’m a GM man, I don’t like Chrysler products,” was the first thing John said about his Super Bee.

John went to the collector car auction in Tea the fall of 1999 to get a muscle car. While he was thinking of Oldsmobiles, Chevys and Pontiacs, his only criterion was that he wanted it to be a convertible and have lots of horsepower. But the only convertible there with big power was this 1970 Dodge Super Bee.

He had the final bid at \$10,000 and got the car. This was just before Mopar values took off, he noted. Now, this GM man had a Mopar.

“I took it home, took Sonja over to get ice cream and we fell in love with it,” he said.

Suddenly, this GM man started coming up with excuses for Mopar. It was just the styling he didn’t like, he actually always did like the Mopar engines and transmissions, he now says. “I always loved the sound,” he said.

But there was a little more to it than just happenstance. It turns out, their son is a Mopar fan and happened to already own a 1970 Dodge RT. As John considered the purchase of the Super Bee, he knew his son would know this car and would be a close, valuable resource to help him work on it. And it would enable him to share his son’s interest in things Mopar.

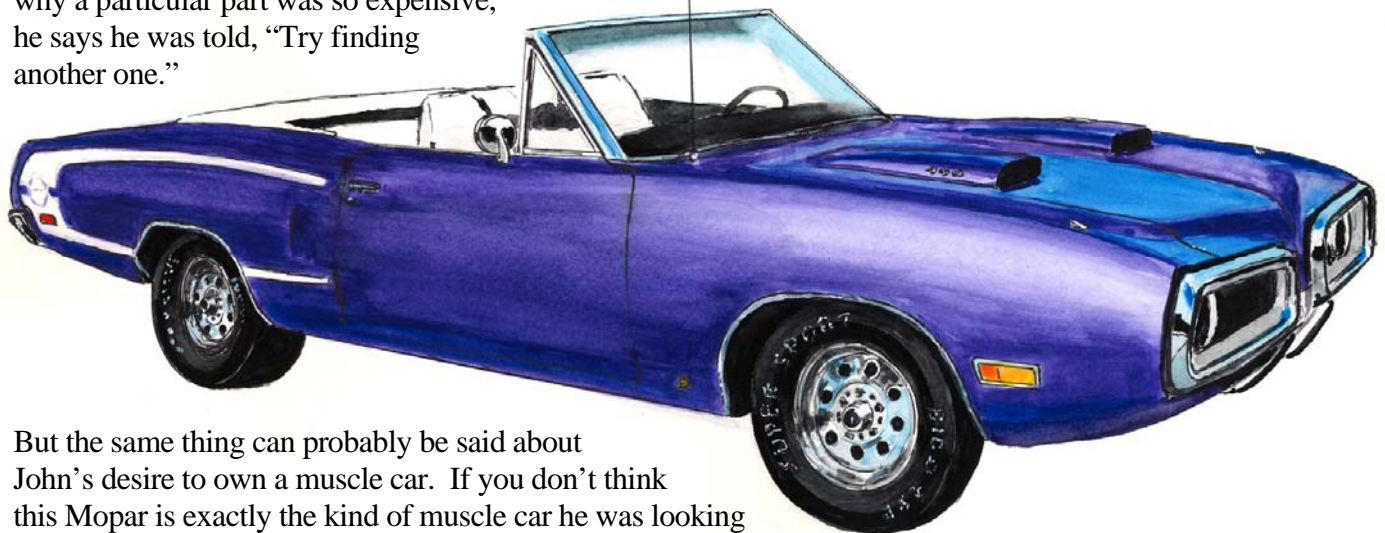
He said this isn’t his first Mopar, as he had a 1966 Dodge Charger in 1967 with the 383, but didn’t like it. But he’s converted now.

This 1970 Super Bee has the 440 c.i. mill with the Six-pack set-up. It also has headers and an automatic transmission, plus power steering and power brakes. It still has the original AM radio, but under the dash is an after-market stereo system for more and improved musical options.

John notes that it was decorated with the “half C stripe” instead of the more common full C stripe. But it’s hard to say anything is common about this car considering only 53 convertible Super Bees were made in 1970, based on information John has received.

This car had 78,000 miles when John and Sonja got it, and they’ve added another 11,000 miles to that.

After enjoying the car for a while, John decided to have it completely restored. But as that work progressed, it quickly became evident that he had a good, solid car with no signs of previous repairs to the body. But he also discovered that many of the parts, particularly in the trim, are exclusive to that year. That makes them not only hard to find, but expensive when he does find them. More than once, when John asked why a particular part was so expensive, he says he was told, “Try finding another one.”



But the same thing can probably be said about John’s desire to own a muscle car. If you don’t think this Mopar is exactly the kind of muscle car he was looking for, try finding him another one.

Thank you

Thank you so much for spending time and sharing your beautiful cars with the children we serve. This is an event that staff looks forward to every year because it is fun, well organized and all of the kids can participate since it is not an off-campus event. The kids keep stopping me and saying, "thank you that was awesome." I remind them that it was you they need to thank. Thanks so much for continuing to do this for our kids year after year. I look forward to the event next year. If anyone would like more information on Children's Home or would like a tour, please feel free to contact me.

Aunnie VandeGriend
Volunteer Service Coordinator
Children's Home Society.



Nancy Snyder at the Children's Home Society root beer social.

For the Children

One hundred years from now,
It will not matter
What my bank account was,
What sort of house I lived in,
Or the kind of car I drove.
But the world may be different
Because I was important in the
life of a child.

Nancy Snyder, Printing Specialist
Central Services

Thanks Offered

On behalf of Bill Miller and the Friday Night Cruise Committee for Buffalo Days, I would like to thank all of the members that helped to make Cruise Night a success. Car count was over 220 cars. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the evening as much as Doreen & myself. Thanks Again.

Ike Wiese, Luverne, MN.



Terry and Nancy Jellis at the Buffalo Days Cruise Night.

July Birthdays

Karen Roe	3
Eric Anderson	8
Jeff Matthews	8
Jan Malcomb	10
Jim Hauge	11
Doug Krouse	11
John Moore	11
Karen Walker	12
Nancy Snyder	15
Betty Jones	17
Roger Van Noort	20
Bones Hanson	21
Kirk Lee	23
Janet Gannon	24
Terry Peterson	25
Barb Buchanan	29
Melvin Holmbeck	30
Art Slumskie	31

July Anniversaries

Butch & Debbie Yesda	1
Jim & Julie Hansen	2
Terry & Nancy Jellis	10
Roger & Dianne Corkill	11
Clint & Erin Brunner	12
Tom & Joyce Olsen	19
Dustin & Shanda Gronseth	24
Rick & Chris Johnson	28
Dale & Pat Kiebach	29
Art & Julie Slumskie	31

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
Wayne King	16
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
Mike Tlustos	29
Buck Schrader	31

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

Raffle Winner

Larry Gannon was the lucky winner of the Siouxland Car Council's little '41 Willys.

He purchased three tickets earlier that week from Dale Kiebach. Larry said, "My grandkids are going to love this, first I need to figure out a way to keep the throttle from opening all the way. That thing is fast."

The proceeds from the raffle will be awarded to one or more children's charitable organizations in the Siouxland.



Club Logo Apparel

It may be summer, but they say "buy in off-season" to get the best deals. Okay, so club sweatshirts and jackets cost the same all year long.

The club has limited stock of pink embroidered sweatshirts, gold sweatshirts and club jackets in stock. Let an officer know if you're interested.



The T-Bird Takes One for a Mazda

The strong should always stand up for those who are smaller. But does that mean the old, big classics have to take knocks for econoboxes?

We had severe storms come through the Tea area the evening of June 26 with some very strong winds that caved in the Lees' garage door, as well as the garage doors of about six of their neighbors. KELO reported it was a microburst with winds exceeding 80 MPH. Of the two cars parked in that part of the garage, Grace's Mazda was unscathed, but that's because the '61 Thunderbird next to it was a much longer car and served as a block for the Mazda, stopping the garage door from caving in any further.

But the T-Bird held up very well. The only damage is a slight, barely negligible dent in the trim by the taillight. It appears when the garage door hit the bumper, about a foot away, it was stopped from going any further so only part of the door actually caved in. Other garage doors in the neighborhood, all on houses facing west, were punched in much farther than that of the Lees. And two large trees behind their property were uprooted and knocked over.

The cost of replacing the garage door will be less than their deductible, so they're doing some customizing to the budget to take care of that. But the T-Bird has good, full coverage, so it shouldn't be much of a problem to get it back to the pre-storm condition.

Open House Invite

Because you have shared in our lives by your friendship and love, we, Shanda and Dustin, along with our children Tristan and Skylar, invite you to an open house in celebration of our family's new beginning on Saturday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at our home, 105 North Meyer Lane, Sioux Falls.

Parade Chauffeurs

From Jessie Brower, Mrs. South Dakota

I would like to extend an invitation to the members of the GPSR that own convertibles and would like to drive the Miss Canton Pageant ladies through the parade that starts our Cruise Night. The number of participants has increased this year so I am looking for as many convertibles as possible. I will have "Pageant Driver" sheets ready when the drivers arrive, these can be placed in the front windshield of the vehicles to designate who will be driving the ladies through the parade. The parade line up will begin at 6:30 pm at the Canton High School parking lot located at 800 N Main St., with the parade starting at 7 pm. Please invite drivers to contact me jessiebrower@hotmail.com. My phone is (605) 360-1117.



Don Jones as a 2006 Pageant Driver.

Car Council Schedule

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

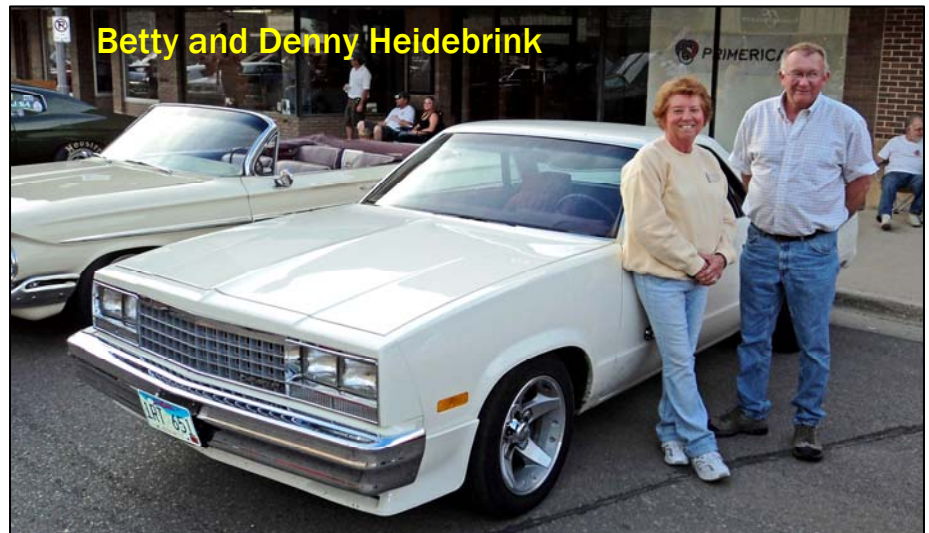
Schedule on siouxlandcouncil.info

- July 17** – Madison Area Cruise
- July 18** – Fey's Farm Cruise
- July 21** – VA Car Show
- July 24** – Humboldt Car Show
- July 24** – Canton Cruise Night
- July 25** – Canton Area Car Show
- July 28** – Empire Pontiac Cruise Night
- July 31** – Classic Excitement Poker Run
- Aug. 1** – All GM Car Show
- Aug. 4** – Bethany Meadows in Brandon
- Aug. 7** – Lennox Car Show
- Aug. 11** – Wall Lake
- Aug. 13-15** – Old Iron Rod Run Spencer, IA.
- Aug. 13-15** – 21st Annual Street Masters Dam Run, Pierre
- Aug. 15** – Cruise to Yankton, JoDeans Steak House
- Aug. 15** – Madison Car Show
- Aug. 18** – Executive Touch, Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls
- Aug. 20-22** – Yankton River Boat Days
- Aug. 21-22** – Brookings Wing Festival Car Show
- Aug. 25** – Cruise to Dell Rapids
- 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. 15** – Trail Ridge Retirement
- Sep. 18** – Jalopy Kings Show
- Sep. 22** – SV Energy Bldg
- Sep. 24-26** – Outkast's Cruise

Couples and Cars



Butch and
Debbie
Yesda



Betty and Denny Heidebrink



Randy DeBoer and Jeannine Ogle

Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



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, 712 380 4969.

FOR SALE -- **Tripower setup** 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 507 920 6134 dorike@iw.net

FOR SALE -- **1927 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 371-5898

FOR SALE – **GM Crate Motor-** 350 C.I. 385 horse. On a start up stand at Terry Kochs' shop to see and hear it run. Asking \$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.** Contact Don Mertens deltadon79@hotmail.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. I bought this rear -end for my '66 Nova and would have to cut it down to make it work. GM rear-end are getting very hard to find. \$500.00. Call 351-6263 Larry G.

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 – **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, 605-498-0178

FOR SALE – **'57 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 -- **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; 9" Ford rear end housing with 28 spline axles bracketed for 1958-1962 Chevrolet full size car 5 x 4 3/4" 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. For more information call Mike Miller 605-360-8546

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