



# Cruisin' News

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## Dakotans, Keepin' It Simple

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

South Dakota cruising is simple. Title, registration and cruising requirements are basically the same as they were during the 50's cruising era. California refers to itself as the birthplace of hotrodding. Nowadays look at their registration, license and inspection laws and be glad you're not building cars or cruising there. In South Dakota we hear "carb" and think of a mechanical unit that regulates fuel. In California it is the *California Air Resources Board* (CARB), which wants all pre-1976 autos scrapped and regulations making racing gas illegal. Many states have "smog test referees" who judge your car as pass or fail. If it's failed, you won't be cruising until you make the "ref" happy. Now local owners of scratch-built, ground-up construction or specially constructed vehicles titled in the year represented may have trouble selling it or having it registered in another state. Because it's not a car originally built in the year the title may reflect, that causes emissions and safety standard issues.

Many states have annual emissions inspections. Others states have intricate inspections to get a new hotrods titled. For example, builders end up fabricating temporary bumpers to pass all current safety inspection requirements. Some states don't allow the use of new crate motors in older cars. The year of the drive-train and emissions equipment must match the original production year of the car. Even gear ratios must match what was originally offered in that model year. Yep, you can be denied for running 3:73's in your hotrod because that ratio was not offered in that model when it came off the assembly line. Many of us would be denied because we have a 1980's engine block or new crate engine with pre-1965 intake and exhaust. The emissions need to match the '80's era engine block. Failing tests would be bad, but some cars get impounded, wouldn't that get your goat...

So be glad you live, build and cruise in South Dakota where we're still keepin' it simple. We still know our legislators personally and can visit with them when needed. We are even fortunate enough to have a number of car hobbyists in the legislature. Change can happen fast, so always keep in mind what other states have done. At least be familiar with the SEMA Model Street Rod/Custom Vehicle Bill and how it can protect our hobby. The South Dakota cruising season is so short and we may only get the cars out on weekends, so passing emissions testing on our hotrods would be crazy. But hey, some states even have strict standards on farm tractors and residential lawn mowers.

Please check [siouxlandcouncil.info](http://siouxlandcouncil.info) for summer schedule information. As always, check [greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://greatplainsstreetrodders.com) for updates, photos and to read or print this newsletter in color.



## *It's Been a Long Time Coming*

Mel has had his 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 hardtop for 23 years, and now he has decided it is time to start fixing it up.

He purchased the car in 1987 with 86,000 original miles on it. It wasn't a show car, but it was all original and it was reliable.

"I like Fords," he explained. "This lady had an ad and I went and looked at it and bought it. I saw it and liked it.

"I bought it and I drove it to California and back," Mel said. "I drove it around a few years."

But then it was put away in a garage at his mother's house. After that, he would drive it once in a while, but it received little attention for five or six years. When his mother passed on, the property was sold and he had to bring it home. At that point, he decided it was time to quit procrastinating about fixing it up.

He plans on restoring it to its original appearance. The 352 Windsor V-8 runs good and will be left alone for now. Next winter he hopes to have it repainted the original blue and white colors.

"I want to get it done so I can go to different shows, drive it," Mel said.

"I'm trying to get the interior done now," he continued. "I've got the carpet down and now I've got the seats out, getting done."

While he wants his Galaxie to look like it did from the factory, he's not adamant about keeping all cars original.

"If it was a '50 Ford, then I'd be customizing it," Mel said. "I had one of them."

His first car was a '50 Ford, and back then he was more interested in what made a car look cool, than in preserving history. But that wasn't the only car to influence his interest in old Fords. He said most of his family has always had an allegiance to Ford. So, the '64 Galaxie just fits in with his family's history in addition to Ford's history.



## Newsletter Submissions

If you have anything to submit for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter, the deadline is the first Wednesday of each month.

Anything will be considered for addition to the newsletter; recipes, stories, pictures, history, whatever.

To submit something, contact Brian Lee 498-0178, email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com) or look for him around his 1961 Ford Thunderbird or 1950 Studebaker Champion.

## Club History

The Great Plains Street Rodders' 25<sup>th</sup> year reminds us of the long history of members and officers. Some of the original members: Schmiechels, Roes, Malcombs, Schrievers, Tisdals, Heidebrinks, Staffauchers, Christians and Bensons served as officers through the years. Most of our current members have served as club officers. According to records, here's a list of past presidents: Larry Stauffacher, Jeff Meendering, Ron Roe, Ed Benson, Roger Malcomb, Bob Hardy, Randy Hanson, Roger Malcomb, Brad Goebel, Dale Bruining, Ron Roe, Doug Walker and Kevin Kappenman.



## Rain or Shine

Your cars may be the stars, but just like our off-season, we want to see you rain or shine.

In the event of inclement weather, check your email for an alternate gathering location. We'll do our best to inform you ASAP regarding Wednesday night cruises. Membership has its privileges through our email network.

## Website Cruisers

The club website tracker shows how often our website is viewed and where the viewer is located.

The out-of-state viewers are from all over the U.S. Iowa and Minnesota are popular, it helps that we have members in those states. Views from Texas are mainly assumed to be our winter vacationers. California, Arizona, New York and Georgia are just a few of the many states where people are enjoying our cruising.

It's pretty cool – we've even had international viewers from Canada, Germany and Russia.

## June Birthdays

Rickey Brandt	2
Sarah Stokes	6
Deb Geyer	9
Ruby Johnson	12
Jason Jellis	13
Grace Lee	13
Brad Goebel	16
Larry Golden	19
Dale Bruining	20
Mike Paulson	20
Mary Ramstad	21
Denny Heidebrink	22

## June Anniversaries

Brian & Grace Lee	4
Mike & Lori Paulson	4
Ron & Lynn Hammerschmidt	10
Clay & Susan Seachris	10
Gary & Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry & Kris Golden	12
Jeff & Jean Knowlton	13
Melvin & Dorothy Holmbeck	18
Bill & Judy Miller	22

## 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
Kimberly Frock	15
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
Tom & Joyce Olsen	19
Rick & Chris Johnson	28
Dale & Pat Kiebach	29
Art & Julie Slumskie	31



## Charitable Thank You

The Sioux Falls Food Pantry sent a thank you to all the Great Plains Street Rodders for our financial support. This gift was made possible through the work and planning of last year's Meet-n-Eat Committee and so many gracious members attending and participating in the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for Don and Betty Jones. The gift was made to the Food Pantry from the Great Plains Street Rodders in honor of Don and Betty Jones' 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## Magazines for Kids

June 30th is the Root Beer social and cruise to Children's Home Society. Everyone gets a free root beer float and the children get *HotWheels* cars.



Also, please bring your old car-related magazines to be donated to Children's Home Society. The children read them and enjoy looking at the photos. Every year it's interesting to hear how much these young car lovers know about our hotrods.

Arrive early if you want to help serve root beer floats or handout *HotWheels*.



May 19, 2010

Mr. Clay Seachris  
Great Plains Streetrodders  
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Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Dear Mr. Seachris,

Thank you for your response to hunger! Your help at this time makes a great difference because it comes at a time when one out of every seven persons living in South Dakota is hungry or at risk of being hungry.

Did you know that 12-13,000 residents of Minnehaha County live at or below the poverty level and that 40-50% of those are children? With your continued support, we will do our best to see that no child goes to bed hungry.

At the Community Food Banks Food Pantry program, serving those less fortunate is what we are about. Your donation of **\$150.00 on April 7, 2010** helps us to continue reaching out to individuals and families in need in Minnehaha County.

Again, thank you for supporting our mission and for providing needed resources to keep our Pantry shelves stocked!

Sincerely,

Dick Baird  
Food Pantry Manager

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## 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](http://siouxlandcouncil.info)

**June 18** – Teapot Days Show

**June 18-20** – Back to the Fifties

**June 19** – Marion Car Show

**June 23** – Handy Man

**June 27** – Blast from the Past

**June 30** – Children's Home Society

**July 4** – Lennox Car Show

**July 7** – Poker Run

**July 9-11** – Black Hills Rod Run

**July 14** – Riverdale Park

**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** – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Street Masters Dam Run, Pierre

**Aug. 15** – Cruise to Yankton, dinner at 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 Del Rapids

**Aug. 26-29** – Kool Deadwood Nights



## Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)



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

WANTED -- **1974 Nova, Venura, 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](mailto: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. and 385 horse. It is currently on a start up stand at Terry Kochs' shop if someone would want to see it and hear it run. I am 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 at [deltadon79@hotmail.com](mailto:deltadon79@hotmail.com)

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

FOR SALE – **Rocker panel side trim,** stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. \$10. Call 498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Roe at 605-332-4543.

FOR SALE – **Ford shop manual** for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. Contact Ken Buchanan

FOR SALE – **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Contact Ken Buchanan.

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 at 712 380-4969

FOR SALE -- **3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end** (excellent condition), Chrome 2-wire alternator for '74 thru '84 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill Kullander, 366-1158

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

FOR SALE – **NOS 1973-1987** 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 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; 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 5x41/2" bolt pattern \$30.00. For more information call Mike Miller at 605-360-8546 Sioux Falls.

FOR SALE -- **NOS 1966 Chevella 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

WANTED – **Classified ads,** If you are a member of the club, it's free and 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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)