



Cruisin' News

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Our Empowered Hotrods

By Clay Seachris
President's message

The power of our hotrods is well known. That power usually refers to horsepower and torque. Cool cars and the people who drive them also control another power. The attractive power of cool cars can be a huge draw. We see that powerful attraction when we cruise through a town and before the group reaches the end of mainstreet, there is a crowd at curbs-edge smiling and giving us the thumbs up. The smiles we get and the social interaction with car enthusiasts, while sharing our cars, helps to make our hobby worthwhile. The coordination behind our summer cruise schedule is planned to optimize our exposure, have fun and hopefully use this “cool-car” power of attraction to generate charitable benefits and move the hobby in a positive direction. The clubs and members do their best to keep businesses and sponsors from controlling our power of attraction for personal or professional gain. The car council implemented the “No Peddlers or Vendors” rule and businesses donate funds to host the cruise night. Donations from grill-outs also add to the pool of annual charitable gifts from the Siouland Car Council. Your cool cars and the attraction you control just by attending council cruises makes for quality annual charitable gifts during the holidays. When the Great Plains Street Rodders attend an event, good things happen. Let's do what we can to make sure all car enthusiasts are attending the scheduled Siouland Car Council cruises and enjoying the summer together.

The off-season Meet-n-Eat finished at the end of April, as usual. The change in seasons and the focus of the club transitions every spring and fall. Our hotrods bring us together and the friendships keep us together, which make the seasons more fun. This summer we'll be cruising to local, regional and national shows together, and it's always great to share the time with friends.

Please check sioulandcouncil.info for summer schedule information. As always, check greatplainsstreetrodders.com for updates and photos.



Much Was Picked Up for This Pickup

When Owen McKittrick purchased his 1949 Chevy pickup truck out of Doon, IA, he found himself picking up a lot more for it to bring it to its current good-looking state. In fact, he had to purchase another '49 Chevy pickup near Tea to get enough parts to make one good truck.

“Out of the two pickups, neither had a box that was useable,” he added. “I had to buy a new (reproduction) box.”

He describes it as “a bucket of bolts” when he bought it 14 years ago. But you’d never know it to look at it today. He said he had a lot of help building it from his friend, Kevin Van Kompberg.

“I tried to keep the body as stock-looking as possible,” Owen said.

But it definitely isn’t stock. He purchased a crate Chevy 350 and installed it with a 350 turbo automatic transmission. The rack-and-pinion front suspension combined with a rear-end from a Camaro give it a lower stance. He also installed seats from a 1998 Buick Park Avenue for added comfort. The gauges were updated, but retain the original appearance.

“Of course, I’ve got to have all the creature comforts: power seats, power steering, power windows, power locks,” Owen added.

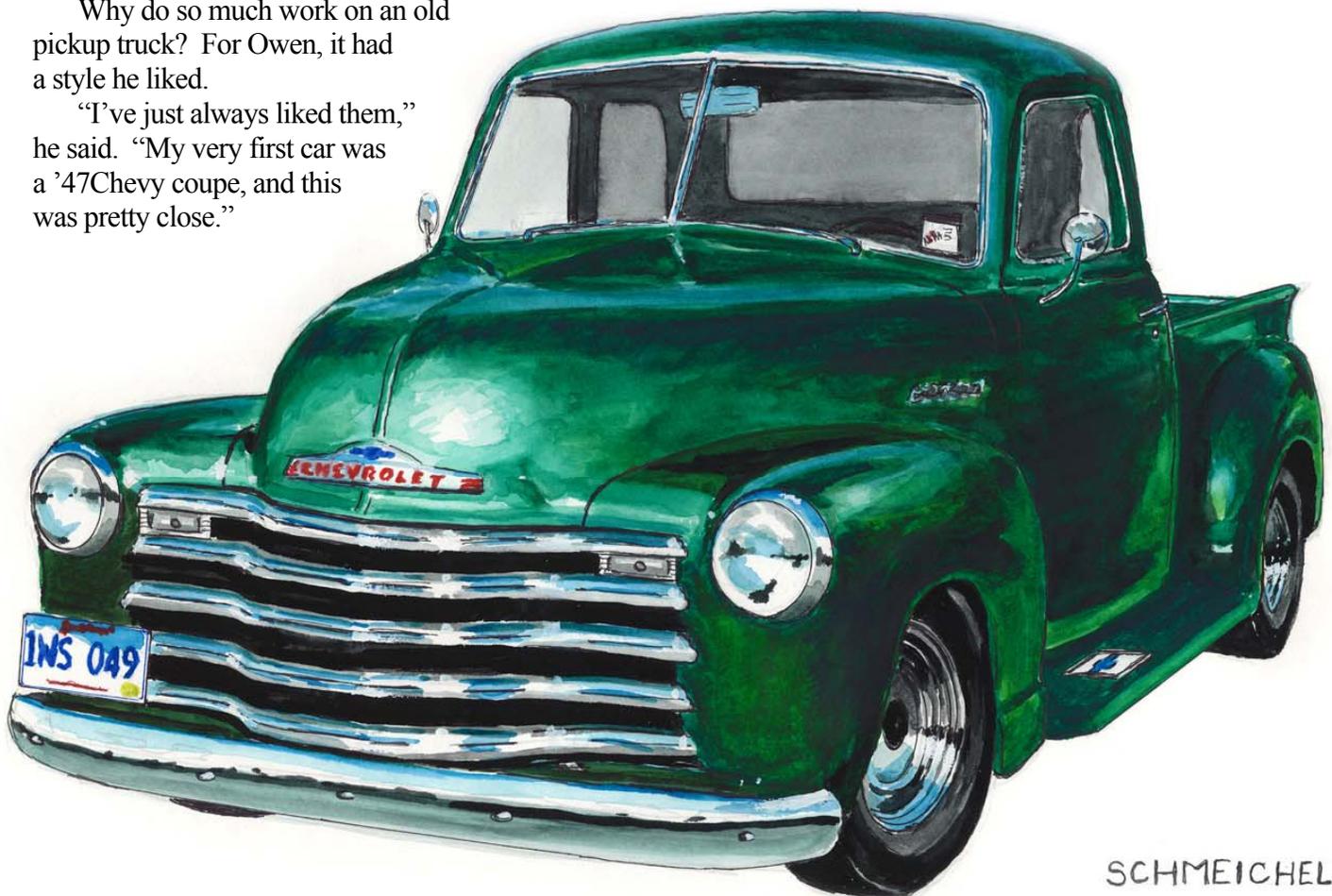
For audio enjoyment, he found a stereo from a Cadillac Eldorado fit perfectly where the original speaker was once located. “It looks like it came with the truck,” he said.

The truck was finished in a shade of green that was used on 1998 Dodge Caravans. But it looks a lot better on this old Chevy truck. And Owen did the woodwork on the oak floor in the bed himself.

He finished it two years ago and is now enjoying the fruits of his labor.

Why do so much work on an old pickup truck? For Owen, it had a style he liked.

“I’ve just always liked them,” he said. “My very first car was a '47 Chevy coupe, and this was pretty close.”



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Club Library

Rich Barnes donated five, discarded Siouxland Library books full of pictures and specs so we could all enjoy them. So borrow one now, then lend it to another member to keep the books circulating. *Hot Rods & Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Hot Rods & Custom Cars, Cars a Celebration* and *The Ultimate Guide to Muscle Cars*.

Who is This Kid?

Last month this picture was shared in "Through the Years." Many asked and others mistook this young hotrodder's identity.



This is Bob Schmeichel at age 15 doing bodywork on a buddy's 1928 Ford.

See Who Did It? ☺

A young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

Be Seen, Be Featured

We have 62 Feature Cars, which is very impressive and a compliment to Bob, the artist; Brian, the writer; and all of you for sharing your cars on most Wednesday nights and other cruises. What's really impressive is that less than half the Great Plains Street Rodders' cars have been featured. We want to see the rest of you more often to give the compliment of having your car "featured." The monthly car is picked from active cruisers. We want to see your cars, hear your stories and get plenty of pictures from our gatherings. The monthly feature also really helps all club members get to know the owners too, so let's see those cars this summer.



May Birthdays

Donna Gorwill	1
Gary Ballenger	2
Cheryl Van Noort	5
Robert Baatz	17
Ron Heemstra	23
Gerry Phillips	24
Audrey Jorgenson	27
Roxie Edbright	28
Candi Hanson	30
Darla Schmuck	30

May Anniversaries

Brad & Darla Goebel	4
Kent & Terri Reilly	9
Mike & Sheila Miller	17
Ken & Barb Buchanan	27

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
Dale & Pat Bruining	19
Bill & Judy Miller	22

Meet-n-Eat Committee

2009-10 Meet-n-Eat Committee, Roger & Cheryl Van Noort and Ron & Karen Roe, did an outstanding job reserving restaurants and meeting rooms for our off-season fun. We are searching for next winter's coordinators. We have a list of restaurants and contacts to help manage this task.

New Members

Car Club dues are still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single.

You may send member fees to Jayne DeBoer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103 or give them to any officer.

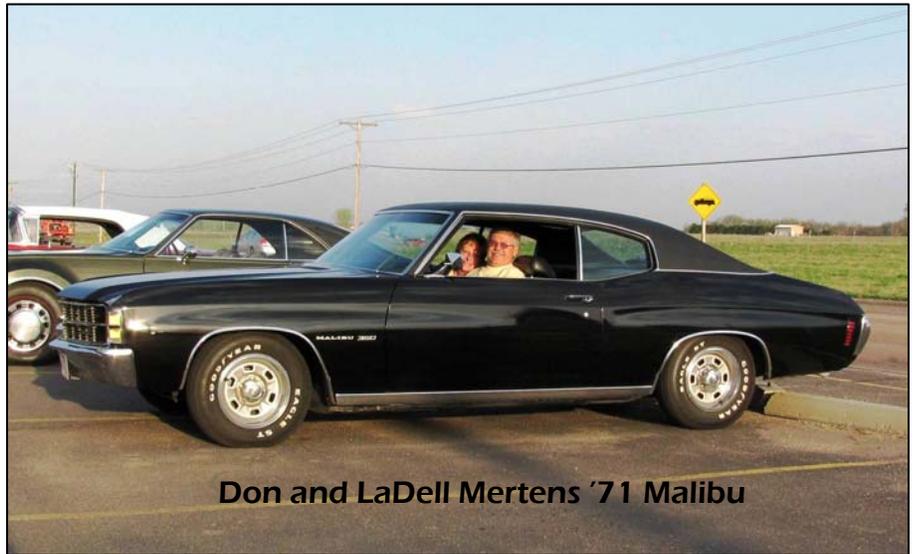
Jackets and Sweatshirts

Orders for 53 jackets and 45 pink sweatshirts were made May 7. Upon arrival, they will be dropped-off for embroidery mid-May with hopes to have everything finished before the cruising season begins in June.

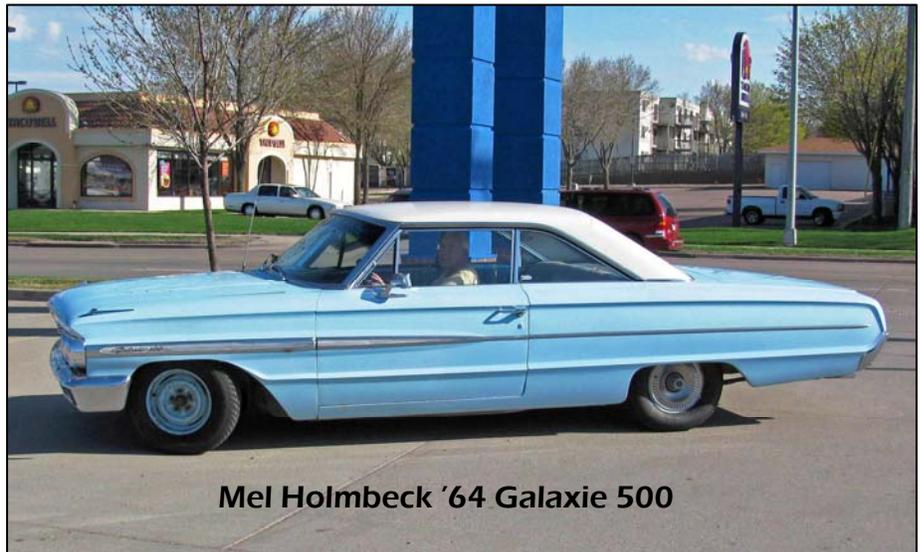
If you haven't paid yet, a plain jacket is \$20 and full embroidery (chest logo, back logo & name) will be \$45 totalling \$65. The sweatshirts (with chest logo) are \$15.



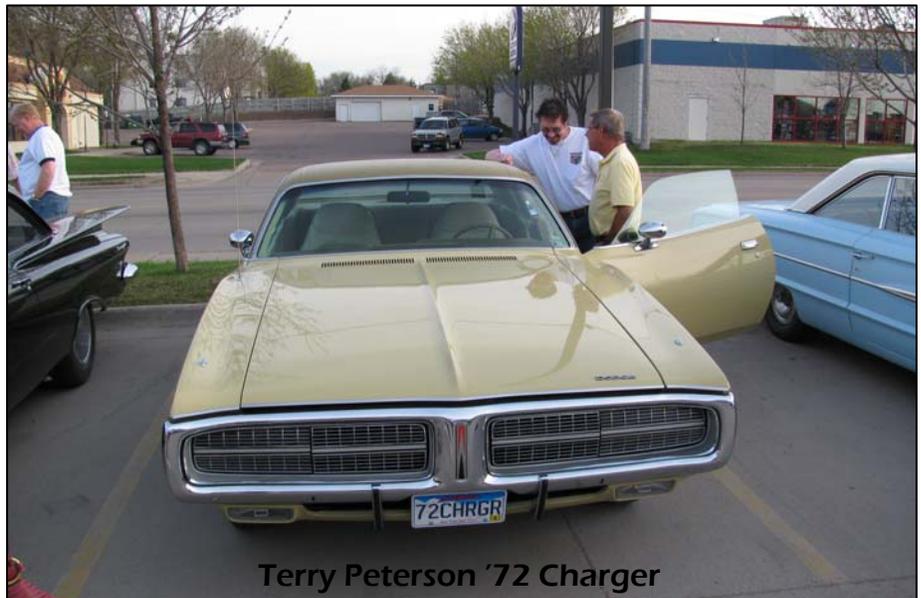
We're Cruising Again!



Don and LaDell Mertens '71 Malibu



Mel Holmbeck '64 Galaxie 500



Terry Peterson '72 Charger

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

- May 15** – Papik Spring Rally and Car Show, Luverne
- May 16** – Harrisburg Car Hops
- May 19** – 212 The Boiling Pt.
- May 26** – S.V. Energy Bldg.
- May 29** – Spomer Classics
- June 2** – Koch's Race Shop
- June 4-6** – Buffalo Days
- June 4-5** – Run to the River
- June 9** – Sherman Park
- June 12** – Harrisburg Car Show – Raffle Drawing
- June 12** – Teapot Days Show
- June 12** – Brookings Show-n-shine
- June 13** – Brookings Car Festival
- June 14** – Sioux Empire Ford Show
- June 16** – Dakota Digital – Company Tours
- 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



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, Venura, Omega / Buick Apollo dashpad.** Need positraction unit for '74 Nova. Call Eric 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 – **1957 Chevy chassis.** Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543

FOR SALE – **GM Crate Motor-** 350 C.I. and 385HP 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 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 – **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 Allen 334-3472

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 – **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Ken 212-2821

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 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill Kullander, 605 366-1158

WANTED – **Classified ads** call Brian 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

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 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. Call Mike Miller 605-360-8546

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 368-2418

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