



Cruisin' News

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It's Another Year For Old Cars and Good Friends

Thank you for your support as we start another year together. Susan and I are fortunate to have such wonderful friends. I look forward to another year sharing my passion for cars, making new friends and having fun with all of you.

The Great Plains Street Rodders are active on Wednesdays all year round. During the winter months Betty Heidebrink, myself and other members keep busy organizing scrapbooks and DVD videos of our events and social gatherings. Betty continues expanding the club's photo archives of old and new photos. I am wrapping up a collection of photos from 2008. My digital collection goes back a number of years now and so does the club photo archive. I noticed at least three themes in the photos of our activities. First, that we are an all-season club, no matter the season we are together sharing and caring. Second, we have awesome cars, but the fun and friendship are just as important as the cars. Third, members are generous with their time and can be seen volunteering by cooking on grills, fire-pits and crock-pots, or serving food at social functions, car shows and picnics, or judging and working award presentations at shows. The photos are a journey down memory lane with long-time members and new friends. Together we make our fun and enjoy ourselves and the friends we include in the hobby.

The Annual Hobo Stew social at the Shrine will be held on Sunday, January 25. In addition to bringing a can of vegetables, we have been asked to bring baked goods and desserts to compliment the beef stew and sandwiches. This is a nice winter gathering of all car enthusiasts, so please invite anyone you think would enjoy a great meal with a bunch of car nuts.

Our Valentine's Dinner is February 11. The meet-n-eat committee has the Brandon Steakhouse reserved and is shopping for Valentine's gifts to make the night extra special. Again the club asks, "Would you be my Valentine?"

Barrett-Jackson Auction season is here and we miss our members who attend and help with that event. We continue to look for them in the crowd and parking lot footage of the event. Just like Monday morning quarterback, our Wednesday night gatherings reflect sale prices, bidding strategies, drama and cars that went across the block. We'll be waiting for first-hand accounts and feedback from members in attendance.

Membership matches the calendar year so renewals are in full swing. Dues for 2009 are still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single. To those members who have already paid your 2009 dues, we thank you for your promptness.

Please continue giving printed photos to Betty Heidebrink for the club photo albums. Derrick Stokes is always expanding our website, so please email your photos to president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com or directly to Derrick at webmaster@greatplainsstreetrodders.com.



This Stock Corvette is Quick Enough

It took 33 years for Roger Corkill to realize his dream of owning a Corvette, and while he didn't end up with the same one that sparked the dream, he is very pleased with the 1984 two-tone bronze example he purchased three years ago.

"The first one I ever drove was in '63, a split window coupe, and I've liked them ever since," he said.

He likes the 1984 model he purchased because he believes the styling endows the original Corvette look more than the new ones do. He also likes the way the front clip tilts forward to access the 350 V-8. While a large number of Corvettes feature leather interiors, Roger's has cloth, which he finds to be more comfortable.

The car is all stock, and Roger has no plans to change that.

"A guy always needs a little more power, it's a man thing," Roger said. But he added, "It'll get a ticket in every gear."

Last year he had an opportunity to try his skill at autocross racing, as the local Corvette club organized an event at the fair grounds in Sioux Falls. He said he found the car performs and handles every bit as good as it looks. Each lap he was able to shave another second or two off his time as the car continued to show more grab than he anticipated.

"This one does extremely well, the suspension is very tight, very flat cornering," he said.

But it's not all about racing. Roger and Diane also like to just cruise around town in their 'Vette and meet up with their friends in the Great Plains Streetrodders.

There's no doubt Roger and Diane are enjoying their Corvette, and he said he hopes to have it for many years to come.



Meet the Secretary of Cars

Hi, I'm Sheila Miller, your new club secretary. Mike and I have been members for a couple years. We grew up cruising the streets of Sioux Falls and currently cruise in a '59 Chevy Biscayne - the club feature car from April 2008. I look forward to being your secretary and working with the other officers. Jayne Deboer is the 2009 treasurer, Bob Schmeichel continues as vice-president and Clay Seachris remains as president.

We finished 2008 with 177 members and tons of memories, new friendships and highlights. We're battling the depression of the cold weather together, averaging around 60 members gathering every Wednesday evening this winter. Keep checking our website at www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com for updates of pictures, feature cars and meet-n-eat scheduling. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday or as soon as the snow melts.

Thank you.
Sheila Miller, Secretary

Annual Dues are Due

2009 Great Plains Street Rodders Club membership renewals are in full swing. Membership is still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single membership. Renewal payments may be given to one of the officers at a Wednesday night gathering or mailed to our treasurer, Jayne DeBoer at 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Please make your check payable to the Great Plains

Street Rodders. Thank you to those members who have already renewed and to those not yet paid we look forward to receiving yours.

Thanks Offered

We have lost someone very special. Thank you for sharing our grief.

The Ray Miller Family
(Editor's Note: Ray Miller is the father of Mike Miller. Mike and Sheila Miller are long-time members and Sheila Miller is our Secretary.)

Dear Friends,
We want to personally extend our thanks and appreciation to you for the donation of toys and gifts to our Angel Tree this Christmas Season. It is the many people like you that make it possible for us to brighten a child's life and help our community reach needy people. We pray that God will bless you personally, as He has blessed us richly because of your gifts.

In His Service,
Mike Mills, Major Corps
Officer
The Salvation Army



January Birthdays

Matt Butler	2
Shanda Schlechter	3
Ike Wiese	5
Glenna Burns	7
Fred Lambert	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
Randy Ludwig	16
Doreen Wiese	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Nancy Jellis	31

January Anniversaries

Ike & Doreen Wiese	12
Al & Shirley Alby	20



February Birthdays

Derrick Stokes	1
Jim Hansen	2
Don Jones	2
Darwin Sletten	10
Sandy Schmeichel	14
Ken Buchanan	18
Dave Elefson	18
Joyce Gough	23
Ron Roe	23

February Anniversaries

Roger & Cheryl VanNoort	3
Terry & Sandy Peterson	11
Buck & Virgene Schrader	23
Rich & Melania Barnes	26

Norman King memorial provided gifts for children. Bob and Sandy Schmeichel delivered the gifts to the Angel Tree on behalf of Wayne King.

Mobile Brake Service has 35th Anniversary

On January 8th Ken Buchanan had an open house celebrating 35 years in business as Mobile Brake Service.

He moved to Sioux Falls January 7, 1974 and began as a brake service on wheels.

Eventually Ken found a shop location, which has now moved a couple times before finding his current location on North Cliff Avenue. Mobile Brake's main focus is fixing and maintaining today's new cars and daily drivers, but it's Ken's brake expertise with streetrods, vintage hotrods and restorations that make the extra stall in the business an attraction and life-saver for us car enthusiasts.

Ken and Barb Buchanan have been members of the Great Plains Street Rodders for over 10 years. They are active cruisers in their '29 Model A Ford and every now then in a '62 Ford unibody pickup truck. We are glad to have them as members and great friends.

Congratulations to Ken on 35 years in business.

Paybacks

A big shot attorney had to spend a couple of days in the hospital. He was a royal pain to the nurses because he bossed them around just like he did his staff. None of the hospital staff wanted to have anything to do with him. The head nurse was the only one who could stand up to him.

She came into his room and announced, "I have to take your temperature." After complaining for several minutes, he finally settled down, crossed his arms and opened his mouth.

"No, I'm sorry," the nurse stated, "but for this reading, I can't use an oral thermometer." This started another round of complaining but eventually he rolled over and bared his behind.

After feeling the nurse insert the thermometer, he heard her announce, "I have to get something. Now you stay JUST LIKE THAT until I get back!"

She left the door to his room open on her way out. He cursed under his breath as he heard people walking past his door, laughing. After a half hour, the man's doctor came into the room.

"What's going on here?" asked the doctor.

Angrily, the man answered, "What's the matter, Doc? Haven't you ever seen someone having their temperature taken?"

After a pause, the doctor confessed..... "Not with a dafodil."



Upcoming Cruises & Events

Jan. 25 – Siouxland Car Council Hobo Stew at the Shrine on Phillips Ave.

Jan. 28 – Cracker Barrel

Feb. 4 – Royal Fork

Feb. 11 – *Valentine's Day Dinner* - Brandon Steakhouse

Feb. 18 – Skelly's

Feb. 25 – Valentino's

Feb- 28-March 1 – Counts Car Show, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City

March 4 – Roll'n Pin

March 11 – Ramkota Inn

March 18 – Tea Steakhouse

March 25 – Main Street, Larchwood

April 1 – Keg, E. 26th St.

April 8 – Pizza Ranch, Tea

April 15 – Ruby Tuesday's, E. 10th St.

April 22 – Tailgators, Brandon

April 29 – Ming Wah's

July 10 – Black Hills Rod Run

Classified ads

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

WANTED – Front fenders for a 1956 Chevy. 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 5x41/2” bolt pattern \$30.00. For more information call Mike Miller @ 605-360-8546 Sx. Falls.

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), Holley 650 Double-pump four barrel carb (needs new power valve), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Call Bill Kullander, 605-366-1158

FOR SALE -- **5' x 10' trailer** with attached loading ramp. Wired with lights and highway tires. \$775.00, call Terry Peterson, 359-5386.

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 – **1959 Chevy promo model**, 1/25 scale, black and white two-tone, plastic, chassis and roof are slightly warped. \$10 or best offer. Call Brian Lee at 498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com



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

More Party Photos

