



Cruisin' News

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Sharing Our Enthusiasm with Everyone

By Clay Seachris
President's message

May brings celebrations of freedom, spring and another fresh start to the year. As car enthusiasts and social cruisers, we look forward to our freedom and heritage enjoying cruising together, meeting at parks, business parking lots and friends' garages. The Great Plains Street Rodders gather together with other car clubs and all car people to enjoy summer cruising together. So invite your friends and please make sure they know a perfect show car is not necessary to be part of the fun.

Spring also marks the time when the Great Plains Street Rodders' meet-n-eat committee relaxes for the summer as club members attend the public Siouxland Car Council cruises. We really had great winter fun together with Ron & Karen Roe and Terry & Nancy Jellis coordinating weekly Wednesday night socials. Thank you for helping us beat the winter blues.

The Annual NSRA Inspection Day at the Renner Garage had perfect weather and a good turnout of all kinds of hotrods. The NSRA Vehicle Safety Inspection Program is completely voluntary, and includes 23 different items ranging from the lighting system to suspension. The sole purpose of the safety inspection is to advise the vehicle owner of problem areas. Around 40 cars received free NSRA safety certification decals. The inspectors and spectators admired the hotrod undersides. Many little things like tightening bolts or moving brake and gas lines away from exhaust pipes were handled. Other things like broken exhaust hangers and shock mounts were discovered. Our local inspectors have great respect and admiration for the cars and owners which made an enjoyable inspection atmosphere. The Renner Garage always does a wonderful job of welcoming everyone and hosting this event.

The Sioux Valley Energy Building made for another great gathering as we "potlucked" there recently. The Rockin' 50's Party at the El Riad Shrine had many Great Plains Street Rodders filling the dance floor and enjoying classic music by *Something New*.

Keep checking www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com for new pictures of our escapades and refer to www.siouxlandcarcouncil.info for all the summer cruising, car shows and additional photos.



It's A Part of the Family

When Faye Gallagher first got her 1966 Chevrolet Impala, she didn't even want it. Now, she'll never let it go, because it has become a part of her family.

She was driving a 1959 Chevy at the time, and it was worn out and falling apart when her husband, Delbert "Dub," found the '66 Impala in 1970 and decided to surprise his wife with it. The surprise didn't go over too well.

"I said, 'I wanted to pick out my own car,'" Faye related. "I was a little upset."

But they kept it. And she's still keeping it.

Dub, who maintained the city of Sioux Falls' vehicles until his retirement, took good care of Faye's Impala, just as he took good care of all the vehicles they owned, she said. He would even clean it before it went back in the garage after a winter outing, which Faye attributes for the car's remarkable lack of rust. It has 140,000 miles on it, most of which were acquired in the Sioux Falls area.

Faye ceased using it for her daily transportation in the late 1980s, when she purchased a Chevy Beretta, which she picked out herself. The Impala was "put back into the back of the garage." But the old Impala stayed home. The Beretta is now gone.

"My husband kept saying 'let's sell her,' and I said, 'no, you're not selling my car,'" Faye said.

After a while, they decided the car was getting old enough that they thought maybe it was becoming deserving of a classic status and worth keeping. The car that Faye almost rejected was now a part of the family and growing in sentimental value as well as in collectable value.

"Her name is Henrietta," Faye said. "She was born in 1966 and adopted in 1970."

When Faye moved to Seattle, WA, to be near her daughter about 6 years ago, after her husband died, she took the '66 Impala with her. But she didn't like the wet weather in Seattle and decided 3 years later to move back to Sioux Falls. Henrietta came with her again.



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During all the time that Faye has had the Impala, she has sought to preserve it in its original state. When a chair blew off a deck in a storm and damaged the side of the car, she had it painted in its original color. When it was time to overhaul the 283 engine, everything was done to the original specifications. When the radiator spring a leak, Faye ordered a new one from the company that had built the original one for Chevrolet.

Today that 1966 Chevrolet Impala is as much a part of Faye Gallagher as her own daughter. But she's able to keep it a lot closer.



Membership Directories

The 2009 Spring Directory was emailed to all current members. The officers have some extra printed copies. Please review and email secretary@greatplainsstreetrodders.com if you have revisions. The directory helps strengthen our social group as a cheat-sheet for remembering names and cars. With over 160 members and cars, it is difficult to remember all the names, faces and cars. Use the margins for notes or whatever.

Sympathy Offered

The Great Plains Streetrodders would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Les and Mary Ramstad. Les' father, Oscar Ramstad, formerly of Worthing, died at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sunday, April 26, at age 103. The club sent a card and memorial. If you would like to send a card, Les and Mary's address is: 2808 W. Auburn Hills Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Thanks Given

Regarding the passing of Oscar Ramstad.

We have lost someone very special... Thank you for sharing our grief. Thank you for the memorial gift and for the cards we have received.

Les & Mary Ramstad and family

Car Club Logo Items

Contact a club officer to purchase any of these items:

Vegas Gold T-shirts	\$7
Vegas Gold Sweatshirts	\$14
Aluminum Plaques	\$18
2.5" Window Decals	\$1



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 Ebright	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
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
Dale & Pat Bruining	19
Bill & Judy Miller	22

Road Rage Justice

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

"I'm very sorry for this mistake," he said. "You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

Hey, I Found It!

A man staggers into an emergency room with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat. Naturally, the doctor asks him what happened.

"Well, it was like this," said the man. "I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole we both sliced our balls into a cow pasture. We went to look for them, and I noticed one of the cows had something white at its rear end. I walked over and lifted up the tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it—stuck right in the middle of the cow's rear end. That's when I made my big mistake."

"What did you do?" asks the doctor.

"Well, I lifted the cow's tail again and yelled to my wife, 'Hey, this looks like yours!' I don't remember much after that."

Charity Car Show

The Second Annual Cystic Fibrosis Charity Run will be held Memorial Day weekend in Mitchell, including a car show, charity auction and live music.

It will be held May 23, beginning with a show and shine 10 a.m.-8 p.m., with registration 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Awards for the car show will be presented at 6 p.m., but participants won't be sitting still all that time. A poker run is planned for 1-5 p.m. The charity auction will be held 7-8

p.m., and the Judd Hoose Band will perform 8 p.m. to midnight on Mitchell's Main Street.

There will be games for children, face painting, a poker walk, a photo contest, food and drink vendors and balloon rides.

For more information, go to www.memorialweekendinmitchell.com or call Joe Mielke at 605-228-3318.

Display Cars Wanted

Sturdevant's North Cliff Avenue Auto Parts on the Benson Road corner is looking for 15 hotrods to display on Wednesday, June 17. (Daytime before Automania)

They ask that these cars or trucks be displayed from 8:30 a.m. until it's time to cruise to Automania. The group will then follow a store employee on a cruise downtown to their special reserved, no-wait Automania parking area. You and your show car or truck will be on display as the special escorted guests of Cliff Avenue Auto Parts.

Cliff Avenue Auto Parts is also inviting you for a free lunch served at their store and transportation to work in the morning after you drop off your hotrod. Transportation is available even before 8:00 a.m. if you need an early ride to work.

Contact Ken Buchanan at 212-2821 for further details to be part of this group.



Upcoming Cruises & Events

See additional events, verify info and registrations at siouxlandcouncil.info

- May 16** – Papik Motors Show
- May 20** - ABS Show and Shine
- May 21** – Siouxland Car Council Monthly Meeting
- May 27** - Lincoln County Cruisers car club host night
- June 3** - Terry Koch's Speed Shop, W. 57th St.
- June 5** – Buffalo Days Cruise
- June 6** – Harrisburg Car Show
- June 6** – Jolopy King Car Show
- June 10** - Executive Touch & Subaru, S. Minn. Ave.
- June 12** – Hills Poker Run
- June 13 & 14** – Brookings Car Festival and Show
- June 13** – Spomer Classics
- June 13** – Tea Car Show
- June 14** – All Ford Car Show
- June 17** – Automania
- June 19-21** – Back to the 50's
- June 20** – Marion Car Show
- June 24** – Handy-Man Cruise
- June 28** – “Blast from the Past”

Newsletter Submissions

To submit something for the *Cruisin' News*, contact Brian Lee at 605-498-0178, bg4given@gmail.com or look for him around his 1961 Ford Thunderbird. *Anything will be considered for addition to the newsletter.*





Classified Ads

WANTED – 1950 or 1951 Studebaker. Call Brian, 605-498-0178 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.

WANTED – Front fenders for a 1956 Chevy. Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543.

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 368-2418 for details.

FOR SALE - NOS 1973-198? Chevrolet/GMC P/U, Suburban, Blazer rear tailgate trim molding (black insert) \$25; GM Aluminum Big Block “Chevrolet” logo black powder coated valve covers with fasteners and grommets new in the box, \$125; complete set of Big Block GM High Performance 1.7 stamped steel rocker arms, pivots and nuts

new in the box \$50; 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; Chev. Big Block 9 qt oil pan cleaned & painted black, \$25; 9” Ford rear end housing with 28 spline axles bracketed for 1958-1962 Chev. full size car 5 x 4 3/4” bolt pattern, \$100; set of 20 Stainless steel Chev. metric wheel lug nuts new never installed, \$20; new Chev./GM 454 HD fan clutch new in box, \$30.00; 1993-1999 Chev./GMC P/U Suburban, Blazer rear tail lights converted to LED lamps (plug in) \$50, pair of John Deere lawn tractor wheels sand blasted painted JD yellow 12”x12” for 400 series tractor, \$60; snow mobile trailer axle with springs and tounge,\$50; pair of trailer tires & wheels, bias ply 205/75x14 spoked wheels 5x4 1/2” bolt pattern \$30.00. For more info call Mike Miller 605-360-8546

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' x10' trailer with attached loading ramp. \$775, Terry Peterson, 359-5386.

FOR SALE – Ford shop manual for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Call Ken Buchanan 212-2821.

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.

FOR SALE – 1996 Saturn SC-2 sports car, lovely deep purple color, five-speed, four cylinder, runs good but needs brakes. 111,000 miles. Asking \$1,095, well below Kelly blue book value. Call 498-0178.

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.