



# Cruisin' News

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## Break Out the Hot Rods

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Break out your cruisers and enjoy the weather on the good days. Lately, drastic temperature changes offered up cruisin' days and winter storm warnings. We're working on numerous spring cruise and picnic ideas. Keep sharing your thoughts regarding May and early June weekend cruising.



The car clubs of the Siouxland Car Council coordinated some great Summer '09, Wednesday Night Cruises. Although the summer cruises are coordinated by many car clubs I would like to highlight and thank a number of Great Plains members for their volunteer help scheduling the cruises. Ron and Karen Roe, Kevin Kappenman, Terry Koch, Shanda Schlecter and Candi Hanson coordinated with hosts and reserved cruise destinations. Brad Goebel and Derrick Stokes created and maintain calendars. These members along with other Great Plains Street Rodders and numerous car clubs

developed a fun summer cruise schedule, so start passing the word. Pocket calendars will be distributed soon and there is plan to print poster calendars.

A 2009 vendor fee policy was discussed and denied due to council liability, city vendor/peddler licensing and public ordinances. To keep the cruises simple, fun and social, the car clubs adopted a socially focused rule of no vendors or peddlers at Siouxland Car Council events. As always, flyers, posters and handouts supporting our hobby and social atmosphere are still okay to be placed in cars.

We are again hosting Bethany Meadows senior living community, Children's Home Society and a full-payout Poker Run. We still have fun coordinating these nights and have veterans on these events, but many hands are needed to keep it fun and easy, so let me know if you would like to be involved.

The Great Plains Street Rodders have a blast together and do a wonderful job of supporting our own and other car club's events. The friendships and support between the clubs is positive. The sharing is wonderful, we attend and support their events and in turn they attend and support ours. Together, we build friendships and have a fun summer of shows, cruises and socials.



As we break out the hotrods, Susan and I look forward to spending cruisin' time with everyone. Digital pictures are easy to share and the club is looking for photos showing off members and their cars. Betty keeps printed photos in our albums and digitals are shared on our website and newsletter, so email club member's cars, cruising and socializing photos to [www.president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com](mailto:www.president@greatplainsstreetrodders.com).

## *The Perfect Chopped Sedan*

It was just what he wanted – a 1928 Ford two-door sedan hotrod. But he had a few minor adjustments to make on it.

It was the summer of 2006 when Butch Yesda purchased the Ford Model A.

“I was looking for a '28 or '29, I wanted a two-door sedan, and it had a chopped top. And fortunately it was my favorite color – red,” Butch said.

But it was in Florida. Well, if you want something bad enough, you figure a way to go get it. Butch hooked up a trailer to his regular vehicle, drove to Florida and was back home in South Dakota with his new hotrod in four days.

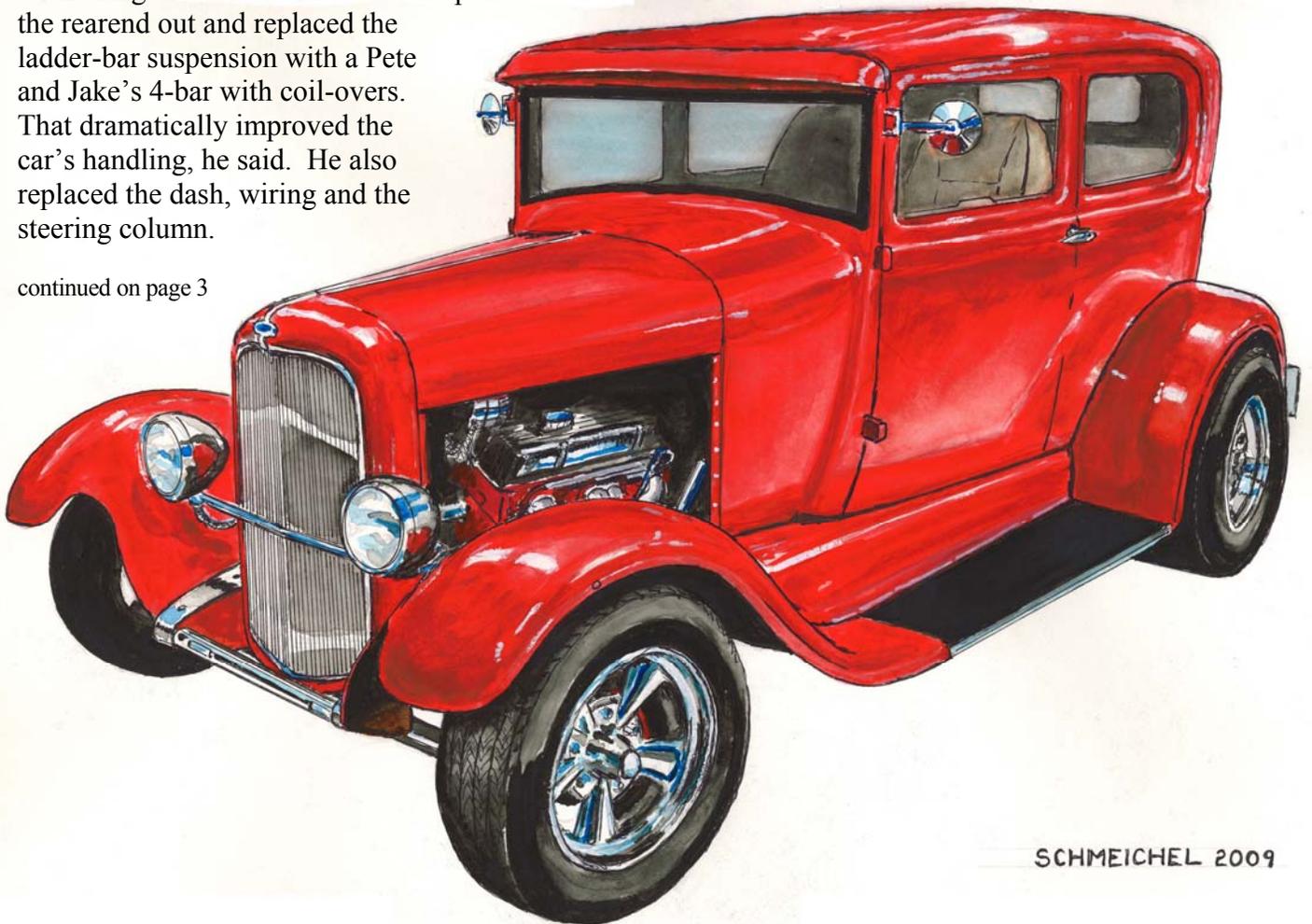
Now the car may be just what he wanted, but that didn't mean it couldn't use a little tweaking. That winter he disassembled it almost completely, other than leaving the body on the frame. He wanted to mostly inspect it, but he found a few worn bushings, bearings and other parts which he replaced. Then he dressed up the Chevy 350 motor with new valve covers, timing cover, air cleaner and other parts since some of the parts it came with had over-spray on them. And he had the front-end ceramic-coated in a silver color.

“I was really pleased with it,” he said of the improvements.

Now he had it the way he wanted it. Sort of.

During the winter of 2007-08 he pulled the rearend out and replaced the ladder-bar suspension with a Pete and Jake's 4-bar with coil-overs. That dramatically improved the car's handling, he said. He also replaced the dash, wiring and the steering column.

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The old Ford was seen all over during the summer of 2008 as he put 4,000 miles on it, visiting car shows and cruising in his perfect hotrod. Or at least, almost perfect hotrod.

He wasn't done. This past winter he installed a 1932 Ford hood, radiator and grill, plus replaced the stock 7-inch rear fenders with 10-inch fenders that would accommodate his new, larger rear wheels and tires. That necessitated new, custom running boards that tapered from the front to the wider rear fenders.

"It completely changed the front end, it looks completely



different," Butch said.

So now he has his perfect hotrod just the way he wants it. Well, almost. The paint is beginning to show some wear in a few places, so he said he's considering a repaint next winter – in red, of course.

"I have a lot of people at car shows ask me, 'Did you build it?'" Butch said. "I have to be honest with them and say, no, I rebuilt it."



## Sympathy Offered

### The Great Plains

Streetrodders want to send our sympathy to Bob Schmeichel in the death of his father. Gerhardt Schmeichel died Monday, March 16, 2009 at the VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls. Funeral services were held March 19, 2009 at Heritage Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, and burial with military rites was at Rosehill Cemetery, Parker.

## Thanks Given

Regarding the passing of Gerhardt Schmeichel.

I want to take a moment to thank ALL MY FRIENDS for the heart felt sympathy sent my way during a hard time we all deal with in our lives.

I can not imagine being with out friends and the support we give each other when needed. Some times our days like these may seem slow as we are living them, but looking back, they are gone in a blink. So make every moment and all the little things count, you'll be glad in your heart that you did...so thank you all again!!

Bob Schmeichel 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

## April Birthdays



Debbie Yesda	4
James DeBoer	10
Junie Herschberger	15
Patt Anderson	16
Lana Kullander	16
Christine Jellis	18
Chuck Trites	19
Gary Jorgenson	21
Bob Van Noort	23
Roger Malcomb	24
Sandy Peterson	26
Trenten Elliott	27
Kent Reilly	27
Jackie Heemstra	28
LaDell Mertens	28

## April Anniversaries

Don & Betty Jones	2
Ken & Vicky Levene	4
Dean & Joyce Gough	17
Don & Helen Jensen	21
Les & Mary Ramstad	24
James & Jayne DeBoer	25
Matt & Natalie Butler	26
Derrick & Sarah Stokes	26

## 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

## *Everything Has A Gender*

You may not know this but many nonliving things have a gender.

Ziploc bags are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them. Copiers are female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.

A tire is male because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated. A hot air balloon is male because to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.

Sponges are female because they're soft squeezable and retain water. A web page is female, because it's always getting hit on.

A subway is male because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

An hourglass is female because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

A hammer is male because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.

A remote control is female. Ha! You thought it'd be male, didn't you? But consider this - it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying!

## *Backseat Payback*

Junior had just received his brand new driver's license. The family trooped out to the driveway, and climbed into the car, where he was about to take them for a ride for the first time. Dad immediately headed for the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," said the beaming boy to the old man.

"Nope," was dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all these years."

## *Fairgrounds Car Show*

That is the name of the event being held April 25-26 in the Expo building at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. It sounds simple, but the event offers much more.

There is no entry fee to place your vehicle in the non-judged show, and you can choose to show the vehicle both days or just one of the days. Organizers anticipate showing hotrods, muscle cars, bikes, rat rods, trucks, antiques, classics and more.

But the car show is only part of the event. There will also be a model car contest, vendors offering their wares and music by The Records.

The event will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Set-up

will be 1-8 p.m. Friday or 7-10 a.m. Saturday.

Admission to attend the event will be \$5, which will be good for both days. Children under age 13 get in free.

For information, contact Bill Lev at 605-339-1081 or [levpromotions@sio.midco.net](mailto:levpromotions@sio.midco.net).

## *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

**April 15** - Ruby Tuesday's,  
E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

**April 22** - Tailgators, Brandon

**April 25-26** - Car Show at the  
Fairgrounds Expo Building

**April 29** - Ming Wah's

**May 6** - Sioux Valley Energy  
Bldg., Brandon "Pot-luck"

*(May 6<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck  
2009 Summer Cruise kick-off  
The Great Plains Street  
Rodders will join all car  
enthusiasts for a summer of  
cruising. Check*

[www.siouxlandcouncil.info](http://www.siouxlandcouncil.info)  
for up-to-date scheduling.)

**May 9** - Elriad Classic Autos  
Rockin' 50s Party

**May 13** - Straight Lines  
Restorations, Tea

**May 20** - ABS Show and Shine

**May 27** - Lincoln County  
Cruisers car club host night

**June 3** - Terry Koch's  
Speed Shop, W. 57<sup>th</sup> St.

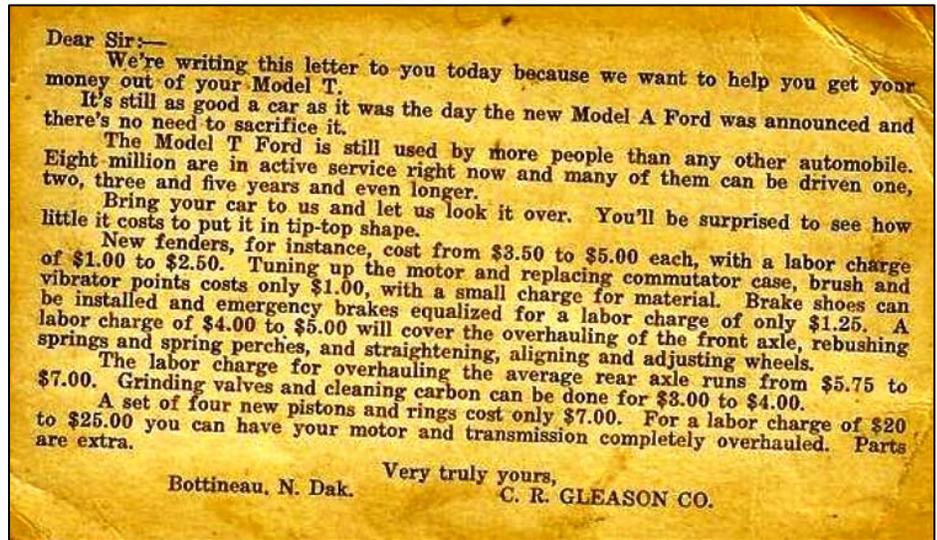
**June 10** - Executive Touch &  
Subaru, S. Minn. Ave.

## Newsletter Submissions

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



## Service Reminder From 1928



## Cars, Friends and Fun





## *Classified Ads*

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

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

**FOR SALE - NOS 1973-198?** Chevrolet/GMC P/U, Suburban, Blazer rear tailgate trim molding (black insert) \$25.00; GM Performance Parts Aluminum Big Block “Chevrolet” logo black powder coated valve covers with fasteners and grommets, new in box, \$100.00; complete set of Big Block GM high performance 1.7 stamped steel rocker arms, pivots and nuts new still in box \$50.00; 1993-1999 Chevrolet/GMC P/U Suburban, Tahoe, rear tail lights converted to LED lamps (plug in) \$50.00; new Chevrolet/GMC 454 HD fan clutch new in box \$30.00; 48” snow mobile/lawn trailer axle 5x4.5 bolt pattern with springs \$35.00; set of 20

metric Stainless Steel lug nuts for tapered wheels Third Gen. GM Camaro / Firebird new never used, \$20.00; Complete 396 CI Big Block motor date coded L-1-5 (Dec.-1-65), Holley 600 double pumper carb, Edelbrock Performer 2-0 aluminum intake, GM HEI distributor, 8.5 mm ignition wires, strong street hydraulic performance cam runs great, needs valve guide seals, \$2000.00; GM 9” power booster, nearly new dual master cylinder \$30.00; pair of John Deere lawn tractor 400 series 12”x12” sand blasted painted JD yellow \$60.00. Call Mike Miller at 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. \$775.00, call 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 -- 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 – 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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE – 1952 Packard parts.** Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571.

**FOR SALE - Carburetors** Barry Grant Demon 625-650 cfm, electric choke, < 10hrs running time, tuning DVD included \$250.00 it's 375.00 new. Also '74 Corvette and '67 GTO Carburetors. Call Kirk Lee 376-2927.

**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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com).

