



# Cruisin' News

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## *From Winter Blues to Spring Fever*

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Every year about this time the Winter Blues subside and Spring Fever begins. Event planners begin contacting the club and in turn we start coordinating club hosted summer activities. The car show and cruising calendar begins to take shape and we start planning our summer nights and weekends. But until the spring gets here, we're going to continue having fun indoors and beating the winter blues together.

Mike and Lori Paulson's Barrett-Jackson Potluck Party for the club was a highlight of the winter. The fresh popcorn started the night, filled the air and set the mood for enjoying big screen televisions showing the auction. The potluck of great varieties of entree's, salads and desserts left us all fat and sassy. The women played a game called right, left, center with dice and were so loud, we're lucky the cops didn't get a call for them disturbing the peace. Their pool table was again crowded around with players and spectators. The place was so loud and busy with fun lovers, that any organized fantasy bid game was not an option. When everyone left, Mike and Lori found out the volume on the TV's was on, but due to laughs and all the socializing was drowned out.

Hobo Stew was great again this year. Our club attendance was high and the Classic Autos made another fine batch of stew. The bars, cakes and cookies baked by our club members were awesome. Watching the Heidebrink's video of the Bonneville Salt Flats runs got members discussing a possible future group vacation.

As mentioned earlier, summer cruise planning has begun. We will host a couple Wednesday nights again. Be thinking of poker run ideas. Last year we received many compliments on the poker run. You volunteers did a great job and we had lots of participants. We're also set to host the annual Bethany Meadows Grill-out and Show-n-Shine again. The Activity Director there shared that this event is huge to the residents. I'm sure we'll be doing something again also Children's Home Society and have been notified the Trail Ridge Retirement Community has been missing us and our cars.

Until then we'll beat the winter blues with Wednesday meet-n-eat gatherings and handle Spring Fever together like we always do, with friends and club fellowship.

The Siouxland Car Council website [www.siuoxlandcouncil.info](http://www.siuoxlandcouncil.info) is being updated daily as car events are announced. Also keep checking our site, [www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com).



## *A New Car, New Hobby and New Friends*

Sam and Bonnie Britt have had their 1966 Chevy Nova for less than two years, but it has opened a new world for them.



This is their first launch into the world of old cars and hotrods, and they're loving it.

They have a cabin on Lake Brandt and found the old Nova while taking a drive around nearby Lake Madison. They saw the owner pulling the car out onto his driveway, and on a whim Sam hollered and asked if it was for sale. The guy said he was just positioning it to put a "for sale" sign on it, and a deal was quickly struck.

There was good reason why this car caught Sam's eye. His first car was a 1966 Nova, when he was in high school over 30 years ago. That car was powered by six cylinders.

Sam is also involved in drag racing, taking a very quick rail down the quarter-mile. Accustomed to quick starts, it's extra icing on the cake that Sam's Nova is equipped with a 325 hp 327 c.i. V-8 and a three-speed on the floor. The red-on-red hardtop was originally powered by a six cylinder car, like the first one he had. But he likes the latest one with more than twice the horsepower much better.

"It's surely been a fun car," Sam said.

While it is a lot quicker than the Nova of Sam's memories, it still has most of the original looks like his first car. In fact, the interior is all original, right down to the working AM radio in the dashboard.

And Sam and Bonnie are finding that cruising in an old car is opening a whole new world to them. They're liking it better than drag racing, especially since it enables Bonnie to be more of a participant. And they are making new friends, especially since they joined Great Plains Streetrodders.

It is very likely that in the future Sam and Bonnie will be seen a lot more often cruising the hotrod circuit rather than at the drag strips.



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## *Quiz-Game Night*

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, fifty members packed a meeting room at the Royal Fork. Brain Lee came up with a little quiz game for the club. Don Jones correctly answered the Kaiser Darrin as the first post-WW II American sports car and won the T-Bird coaster set.

Dwight Johnson won the diner poster for correctly answering that Bantam American designed the Jeep, which was then produced by Ford, Chrysler and Willys for the American military. An interesting little side-note on that, American Bantam actually should have gotten the government contract for coming in with the best design and lowest cost bid, but because the company was so small, the government decided they couldn't handle it and gave Bantam's design to the other manufacturers to build the vehicle. Like Brian said. "So much for competitive bidding fairness."

## *A Z'kota Grille Invite*

The Saturday night cruisers are expressing interest in meeting some throughout the winter. Steve would like to invite everyone back to Z'Kota Grill on the first Saturday of the month for the winter months. We don't have to bring cars. He just wanted to get together for the cold months and visit.

## *Snowbird's We Miss You*

Members enjoy hearing from the couples that went south for the winter. It's fun for us to know you enjoy receiving the emails, newsletters and website updates. I know Terry is missing the Charger. Hope all you snowbirds are enjoying yourselves. See you when you get home. It will be warmer here soon.

## *Annual Dues are Due*

Jayne and Sheila have been busy coordinating 2009 Great Plains Street Rodders Club membership renewals and we've had a number of new joiners. Membership is still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single membership. Renewal payments may be given to any 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*

Thank you so much for your generous memorial honoring my Mother, Florence Sletten. All of the Great Plains Streetrodder members we consider our close friends. Thank you.  
Darwin & Jane Sletten

## *February Birthdays*

Derrick Stokes	1
Jim Hansen	2
Don Jones	2
Jane Sletten	10
Shirley Jones	11
Bonnie Britt	12
Faye Gallagher	12
Sandy Schmeichel	14
Ken Buchanan	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



## *March Birthdays*

Randy DeBoer	2
Kevin Kappenman	4
Melanie Trites	5
Norma Krouse	6
Lynn Hammerschmidt	8
Les Ramstad	14
Don Jensen	15
Mike Miller	17
Rick Johnson	17
Wayne Ebright	17
Kathy Koch	20
Dick Gaddis	21
Bob Schmeichel	22
Lea Yorsky	23
Sam Britt	24
Jules Haper	25
Sonja Lynch	25
Jerry Meyers	26
Pat Kiebach	27
Rich Barnes	30

## *March Anniversaries*

Diego & Lea Yorsky	19
Chuck & Sherrey Kellogg	28

## *To Kiss or Not to Kiss*

A guy is 60 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up." He looked around and couldn't see any one. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up."

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!"

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."



## *Barrett-Jackson Social*

Thank you to Mike and Lori for hosting another fun evening.



## *Upcoming Cruises & Event*

- Feb. 18 – Skelly's
- Feb. 19 – Siouxland Car Council meeting
- Feb. 20 – Winterfest of Wheels
- Feb. 21 – Old Iron Company Garage Tour-Spencer, Iowa
- Feb. 25 – Valentino's
- Feb. 27-March 1 – Counts Car Show, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City
- March 4 – Roll'n Pin
- March 11 – Ramkota Inn
- March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 18 – Tea Steakhouse
- March 19 – Siouxland Car Council meeting
- March 25 – Main Street, Larchwood
- April 1 – Keg, E. 26<sup>th</sup> St.
- April 8 – Pizza Ranch, Tea
- April 11-12 – Easter Car Show
- April 15 – Ruby Tuesday's, E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- April 22 – Tailgators, Brandon
- April 29 – Ming Wah's

## *Raspberry Yogurt Pie*

- 1 reduced-fat graham cracker pie crust
- 1 4-oz. pkg. sugar-free raspberry Jell-O
- ¼ cup boiling water
- 2 6-oz. raspberry yogurts
- 8 oz. Cool Whip, thawed

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in yogurt. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread in crust. Refrigerate over night or at least 2 hours. Garnish with raspberries. Refrigerate leftovers.

## 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 5x4 1/2” bolt pattern \$30.00. For more information 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' 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](mailto: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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)



# Spring Fever...Dreamin' of Summer

