



Cruisin' News

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Let The Meetn-eat Events Begin!

By Clay Seachris

President's message

Our new meet-n-eat committee has organized the Wednesday night socials. Ron and Karen Roe and Terry and Nancy Jellis are this year's coordinators. Ron and Karen are long time active members and Terry and Nancy are newer active members that already seem like veterans and old friends. Please support these couples with ideas and feedback. They have already shared and implemented some awesome ideas.

The cruising off-season looks to be another great time with trivia games and prizes, pot-lucks, theme nights, a Halloween Party, Christmas Party and Valentine's gifts. Leave the hotrod in the garage and join us for a friendship building and memory making during the off-season. Veteran members enjoy welcoming newer members during this time when fellowship is primary and cars are many times not the topic of our conversations.

The meet-n-eat kick-off began on a perfect evening, with over 60 people cruising to the MarketPlace Grille in Inwood. We had an early group cruise together and about a dozen cars cruise later on an after-five cruise. The five buck steak special and the all-u-can-eat chicken and ribs buffet were huge hits. Ken had an issue with taillights on the Model A, so Don tailed him all the way home, but otherwise it was a great beginning.

The next week, The Dutch Inn in Dell Rapids was another perfect night for cruising and we packed the house and enjoyed roast beef and chicken. The meet-n-eat committee coordinated neighboring town cruises, taking advantage of the weather.

The Pizza Ranch in Brandon also had great weather; we all cruised and filled their private meeting room with over 65 members. The multiple TVs and big screen showed cruising and social pictures from the past couple years. We also got a great garage tour as Roger and Cheryl were kind enough to share their latest real estate find for storing their cars and relaxing. Again, these locations make for a great short cruise, good food and private area dining for the club to socialize.

We had a great summer together and judging from our fall meet-n-eat gatherings averaging 65 people, this winter will be more fun than ever. The Christmas Party is December sixth and planning is under way. In a couple weeks, we have the Halloween potluck on the 30th. That week we will meet on Thursday night. You may wear a costume if you like, but you don't need to dress up. I'm sure many will take the opportunity to dress scary, funny or whatever. Now that the summer's busy cruising season has ended, our website will get some revisions and additions. Check greatplainsstreetrodders.com for new updates.

A Most Unusual Power Plant

No, it doesn't have a Hemi. But take a good, long look under the hood, because you're not likely to see another stock engine quite like this one.

That's one of the reasons Dick Gaddis likes his 1969 Plymouth Satellite. That and the fact that it's a Satellite, not another Road Runner.

That's not to say Dick wouldn't like to have a Road Runner. But he noted the Satellites aren't seen at cruises and car shows very often, partly because so many of them have been turned into Road Runner clones, a process that is as simple as adding a few trim pieces.

"It'd be fun to have a Road Runner, but you'd pay a lot more money for it," Dick said. He has plenty enough fun with his Satellite.

While it isn't equipped with the popular Hemi, it does have plenty of get-up-and-go. It is powered by a 383 with a two-barrel carburetor, an unusual combination that was used in only 77 Satellites in 1969. Dick finds that uniqueness far

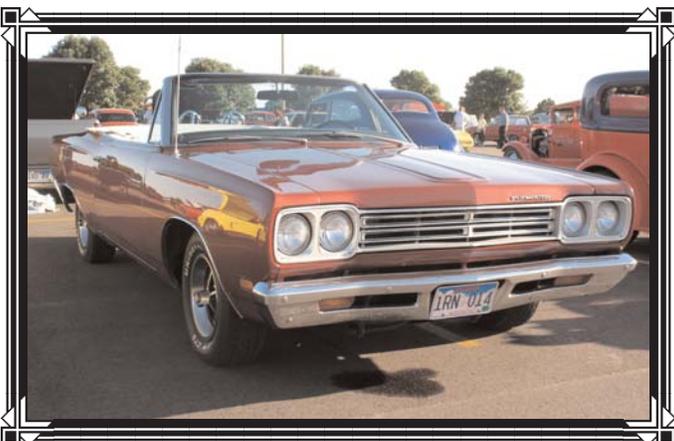
too interesting to consider modifying the engine any, much less replacing it with a Hemi.

"It's pretty peppy," he says of his 383.

"Everybody looks and says 'Oh, it ain't no 440,'" Dick said. But what they don't understand is that what they are looking at is an unusual part of automotive history in this rare combination.

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Dick got the car 28 years ago, after seeing it come into the car dealership where he has worked as a mechanic for 43 years.

“It came in trade at Billion Chrysler and everyone wanted it and I was 5th in line,” Dick relates. “But others kept dropping out and I got it.”

Since then, Dick has only changed one thing on the car. He changed the color from green to red. “I’ve always liked it staying stock,” he said.

In the 28 years he has had it, he’s taken it to a lot of car shows and cruises, but he said he’s only seen one other Satellite. While he enjoys the car shows, he said he enjoys visiting with other gearheads more, which is part of the reason he likes attending the Great Plains Streetrodders Wednesday cruises. But, of course, he also enjoys just getting in his Satellite with Judy Bentson and cruising.

“It’s just fun to have a convertible and get out and drive,” Dick said.

Letter To The Editor

(Originally sent to The Argus Leader)

Looking thru the Voices section (Argus Leader) today in regards to certain legality issues, I noticed the cartoon rendering of a hot rod revving up its engine and blowing the father and daughters hair around. I was keen to see how that related to anything that was written in that area that made any sense. After reading what was there, the only thing that related to sound was the mention of loud music as well as the title on that page above the grossly misrepresented cartoon, which has nothing to do

with loud music.

It was a stupidly poor choice for a rendering to represent LOUD MUSIC. That is the part that pisses me off, putting the message out there that the hot rod image is loud music, or as I interpret the cartoon, loud exhaust, of which both are so far out in left field. I can't tell you how wrong your choice was.

I have been an avid street rodder in this city for forty years, having many of your cartoon-like hot rods. I am one of many in town of a dying breed these days, but I can tell you in all sincerity that none of my hot rods or any of my friends' rods even to this day ever crank up the sound on their radios or stereos to gather attention. The same goes for loud exhaust as I can't stand noise. What is really ironic about these old and new hot rods in town, is that most are so quiet that you can hear the rocks crunch under the tires as they are driving down the street, or when stopped people will ask if the car is running. We all spend a lot of time and money creating old or new hot rods that don't have to do anything more than roll down the street to get attention. We don't need the loud music or noisy exhaust to get attention. The hot rods do it for us just sitting there in a parking lot, being totally quiet too.

So hopefully you will understand where this 60-year-old guy is coming from, and if you don't, check out what 90 couples in this town do at www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com.
Bob Schmeichel

P.S. A better cartoon choice for loud music would have been a Honda or some other import with loud music pushing the trunk lid open while rattling the dentures of some old lady walking with her cane on the sidewalk. Now, that I would have understood.



Come To The Old Drive-in

Do you have some faded memories of past drive-in restaurants in Sioux Falls? If so, get them revitalized by visiting a new display at the Old Courthouse Museum in Sioux Falls.

The museum has announced the opening of a new exhibit and is inviting members of the Great Plains Streetrodders to an Exhibit Opening Reception.

Drive-in restaurants had their beginning in 1921 in Dallas, TX at a little café called The Pig Stand where servers began hopping onto the running boards of cars coming into the parking lot. These servers eventually became known as "car hops," and the era of the drive-in restaurant with car hops providing curb-side service was born, according to a news release from the museum. Cruisin' Cuisine takes a nostalgic look at several early drive-ins of Sioux Falls, including The Barrell, Bob's, The Cottage, Cutler's, Dal-Ray, Herbert's, Kirk's, Lee's, Ray's, and Rickey's. Relive times gone by with music, images and artifacts from these city hot spots.

"This exhibit should be pretty cool," says Great Plains president Clay Seachris.

Old Courthouse Museum is opening the new exhibit at the museum Thursday, October 16 and would like to invite Great Plains members to come. The opening reception will be 5-7 p.m., refreshments will be served and there is no charge for admission. The reception is sponsored by Linda Eagan and Cheryl Taylor Eagan in honor of Lloyd and Lillian Eagan and the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance.

The museum is located at 6th and Main streets in downtown Sioux

Falls.

Sympathy Goes Out

We would like to send our sympathy to Ron and Karen Roe. Ron's sister, Jacky Neuharth, passed away Sept. 13, 2008.

Please keep Ron, Karen and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Thanks Offered

Dear Fellow Streetrodders:

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards that were sent and the visits at the funeral home for Bone's brother, Ordell.

The Great Plains Streetrodders are an awesome bunch of people. We are like one big family.

Thanks again.
Bones and Candi Hanson

Dear Great Plains Street Rodders:

Thank you so much for hosting the Root Beer Social once again this year. The kids and adults always look forward to it every year. It is so much fun to watch the expressions on the kids' faces when all of the "cool cars," as the kids would say, pull up to Children's Home Society.

Thanks again for giving your time.

Aunnie & CHS Staff & Kids

Dear Fellow Streetrodders:

Thank you all so much for the kind words and cards. Your friendship means so much to us.

Karen and Ron



Parties In The Planning

If you like wine or like costumes, there's an upcoming event for you.

Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The Center for Active Generations is having a wine tasting and art show. This special evening will include South Dakota grown and bottled wines from Wilde Prairie Winery, hors d'oeuvres, a souvenir wine glass, a short presentation about wines and wine making, and background entertainment for your enjoyment. Tickets are \$6 per person and only 100 tickets are available. Call 336-6722 for ticket information.

Plans are also in the making for a Halloween Bash featuring The Rumbles at the El Riad Shrine Saturday, November 1. Don Jensen will have tickets or call 336-1117 for more details on this event.

Older Is Smarter

A strong young man at a construction site was bragging that he could out-do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that building that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see you do it."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, dummy, get in."

More New Members

We would like to welcome Keith and Darla Schmuck and Janet and Larry Gannon to the Great Plains Street Rodders. Please add the following to your club directory.

Keith & Darla Schmuck, 1292 - 141st Street, Luverne, MN 56156, home phone: 507-283-9099, cell phone: 507-227-1430; have a 1970 Chevy Chevelle and a 1937 Chevy Coupe. His birthday is 11/29 and her birthday is 05/30; their wedding anniversary is 09/11. Their email is www.kds37@rconnect.com.

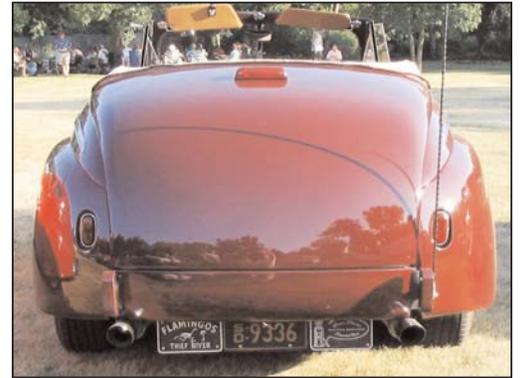
Janet & Larry Gannon, 24427 - 471th Avenue, Dell Rapids, SD 57022; home phone: 605-428-4665 and cell phone: 605-421-1251. His birthday is 1/3 and her birthday is 7/24; their wedding anniversary is 2/11. Their email is www.jgannon@chesterman.net. They own a 1971 Ford Mustang Mach I and a 1967 Ford Fairlane.

Getting Spooked Into The Next Day

The Great Plains Streetrodders will be having a Halloween party, and apparently it will be so frightening, it scared the schedule into the following day!

The Halloween party will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Sioux Valley Energy building in Brandon. It will be a potluck, so everyone is asked to bring something more edible than frightening to share with fellow revelers. It will start at 6 p.m., so make sure you're there by

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5:30 p.m. or everyone else will likely eat all the food before you get there.

Costumes are not required, but are encouraged.

It should be noted that for this week only there will not be a Wednesday gathering. The Halloween party being held the following day will be considered that week's event. As we enter into November, the schedule will revert back to Wednesdays.

Upcoming Cruises & Events

Oct. 18 – Cars and Coffee Cruise, 8-9am (will be leaving at 9am) at Sunshine Foods on E. 10th st. (use north west end of parking lot)

Oct. 22 -- Tailgaters – Brandon

Oct. 23 -- Wine tasting and art show 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The Center for Active Generations

Oct. 30 -- Halloween Party, pot luck at electric co-op building in Brandon

Nov. 1 -- Halloween Bash featuring The Rumbles at El Riad Shrine, call 336-1117 for more details

Nov. 5 -- Champps

Nov. 12 -- Coyote Canyon

Nov. 19 -- Pizza Ranch - East 10th St.

Nov. 26 -- Ming Wah's

Dec. 3 -- Shrivvers Square - Hemmer Brother's Hamburgers

Dec. 10 -- Rookies - South Louise Ave. (by Granite City)

Dec. 17 -- Shenanigans

Dec. 24 -- Christmas Eve

Dec. 31 -- New Years Eve

October Birthdays

Jerry Miller	7
Rick Munce	8
Doug Walker	13
Lori Paulson	11
Dale Heither	12

Cindy Pesicka	19
Carla Rhoades	20
Al Alby	22
Fred Gorwill	23
Tom Olsen	28

October Anniversaries

Roger & Jan Malcomb	5
Marlo & Shirley Jones	9
Doug & Karen Walker	13
Fred & Donna Gorwill	16
Bob & Sandy Schmeichel	20
Dwight & Ruby Johnson	20

November Birthdays

Susan Seachris	1
Clay Seachris	2
Diego Yorsky	7
Dean Gough	11
Rich Burns	15
Doug VanNoort	22
Dwight Johnson	28
Tom Elliott	28
Jane Sletten	29

November Anniversaries

Rich & Glenna Burns	4
Doug & Norma Krouse	14
Denny & Betty Heidebrink	16
Sam & Bonnie Britt	16
Gerry & LeAnn Phillips	30

Classified ads

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. 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

