



Cruisin' News

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It's Not Even Spring Yet, But Events Are Happening

By Clay Seachris
President's message

Spring Fever is growing and it is so comforting to be part of such a good group of people. I know we'll have another fun cruising season together.

Every month I write about events that members coordinate together and other events where the Great Plains Street Rodders volunteer and attend in great numbers. As members of the club, Susan and I get to be with friends at least once a week all year round. The meet-n-eat committee quietly makes sure the winter schedule is full of Wednesday evening fun. Members know when they share an idea for a social gathering any time of the year, they can rely upon the support of others in the club to help that event become a successful reality. We appreciate members willing to offer ideas and help with functions, events and cruising. Other members' attendance at the events supports everyone involved. I believe we are the most active car club in the Sioux Falls area. We make coordinating events look easy because we keep it simple, enjoy being together and have fun.

Mike and Lori recently had the club over for a winter "ice-breaker" pot-luck social. Despite 20 below wind-chill factor, about 40 people showed up. Our planning is so simple, sometimes it's funny. Kevin says to Mike, "Hey, I've got these brats that need to be eaten." Mike replies, "Bring 'em over to my place and we'll grill 'em up." About fifty members in attendance at The Keg all agreed to bring salads and desserts. Helen sent out an invite to all members on our email network. Two days later we had a great Friday night party. Mike did an excellent job of cooking Kevin's brats and we had lots of salads and desserts. The Barrett-Jackson Auction was on the big-screen and it was even more enjoyable with our own commentary on the cars, the prices and the people at the auction. Appreciation goes out to the Paulson's for the location, the Kappenman's for the brats and all who mutually coordinated the party.

Hobo Stew was great again this year. Our club attendance was high and the Classic Autos made another fine batch of stew. The desserts provided by the Great Plains Street Rodders were awesome. It was good to hear what other clubs are planning for car shows and cruises. The indoor Easter Car Show is next month and planning is in full swing for lots of summer fun. We will be hosting a couple Wednesday evening events. One will be a poker run and the other is our annual Bethany Meadows Grill-out and Show-n-Shine.

Our winter, Wednesday evening socials continue to be fun. Thank you to Brian for coordinating some fun car-related brain teasers with neat prizes. We hope to see a majority of our members March 8th. This is a Saturday night spring fever gathering at the social hall of the Sioux Valley Energy building west of Brandon. We are planning a pot-luck event to accommodate all our members.

The car council website www.sioxlandcouncil.info is being updated daily as car events are announced. Continue to check www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com to see what updates Derrick has made to our site, also.

It's a Nice Car To Drive

Buck and Virgene Schrader have had their 1946 Ford coupe about seven years, and would match it against any new car for it's ease to drive.

"I just like to drive it," Buck said. "I like to go places in it because it's such a nice driver – probably one of the best road cars I ever had."

But he also said, with a big smile, "I like to sit in the back seat with my wife."

They got the old Ford from Bob Briggs of Yankton, who had already turned it into a street rod. They saw it at the show Briggs organized in Yankton several times and really liked it, especially for it's pearl white paint. They convinced him to sell it to them.

Since then, they have put some of their own personal touches on it, such as adding a rear bumper and different style wheels. But for the most part they have kept it the same as when they got it.

While the car's color was the main thing that attracted them, Buck acknowledged that he also has a history with the 1946

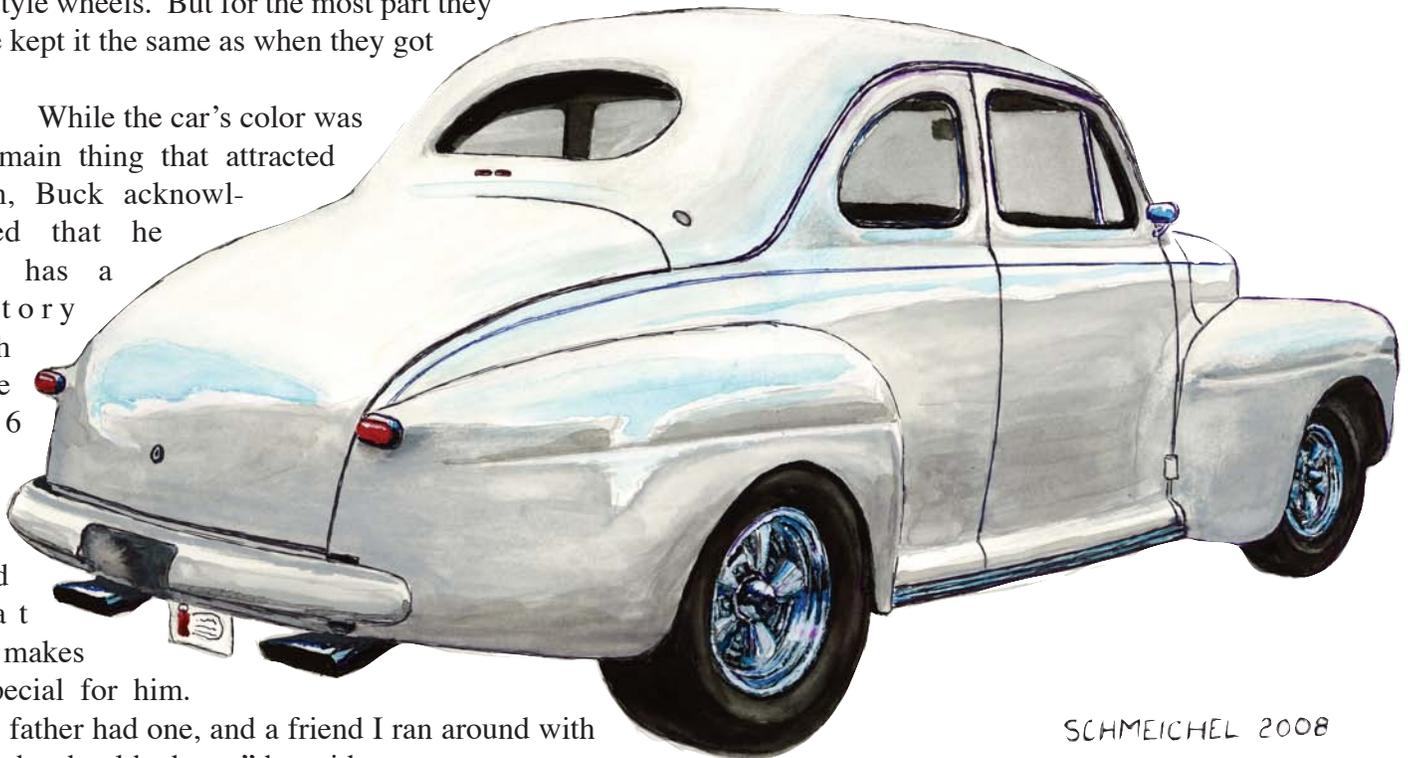
Ford that also makes it special for him.

"My father had one, and a friend I ran around with in high school had one," he said.

Ford had something good going on in 1946. While more Chevrolets were sold than Fords in the previous model year (which was 1942 due to World War II) and the year after, Ford was the sales leader in 1946.

But Buck's Ford is a cut above the ones he remembers as a youth. This one has a Chevy 350 V-8 in it, with

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much more power than the original 239.4 cubic-inch flathead. It also features an automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, remote control doors and a cassette tape stereo system.

But Buck remains modest about his Ford. "Nothing special about it, it's just a nice car," he said.

A Check Under The Hood

We have heard that Kevin Kappenman, Lana Kullander and Dwight Johnson have all recently had surgery but are now recuperating at home.

The Great Plains Streetrodders would like to wish each of them a speedy recovery. We hope to see you out and about very soon.

My Body As a Car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently, but my gas tank keeps growing larger.

But here's the worst of it -- Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Cruise to Spirit Lake

Eric & Pat Anderson have invited the Great Plains Streetrodders to their home in Spirit Lake on March 1, 2008.

We will be leaving at 11 a.m. March 1 from Shopko on East 10th and travel to Eric & Pat's home. From there we will meet up with some of the Black Knights Car Club members and tour three garages.

Pat is planning a tour of a glass blowing shop in Spencer, IA, where they will put on a demonstration for those of the group who are not interested in garages. After that and some shopping, the glass enthusiasts will return to Pat's home, where all will regroup for dinner at Pizza Ranch or the Gingham Inn Restaurant.

We hope that we can get a nice group together for this trip. This will be a fun time while showing support for two of our club members from out of town that support us in lot of a our outings.

If you're thinking of going to this event, please contact Kevin Kappenman at 605-310-4854. To save on the cost of gasoline, he has checked into renting a 15-passenger van, the cost of which would be \$10.60 for each person once the van is filled.

The Dues Are Due

If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to pay your dues for 2008. They are \$20 per couple, or \$10 if you are single.

You can give them to the club treasurer, LeAnne, or you can mail your check, payable to the Great Plains Street Rodders to LeAnne Phillips at 1372 Cleveland, Larchwood, IA 51241.

We would like to have all dues paid by the end of February. Thanks!

Sympathy goes out

It was with great shock that that the Great Plains Streetrodders learned that Deanna Ludwig passed away very unexpectedly on Jan. 28.

Randy and Deanna had returned the previous Thursday night from working at the Barrett-Jackson sale in Scottsdale. Deanna had shoulder surgery the next day. Then Randy took her in for therapy the following Monday - the doctor came out and said she must have developed a blood clot and passed away while in therapy.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, at Canton Lutheran Church. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are being referred by the family to the Siouxland Car Council.

The Great Plains Streetrodders extend sympathy to Randy and his family.



Classified ads

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 – 1984 454 c.i. engine with 400 transmission, engine rebuilt 2,000 miles ago. Can hear it run. \$2,500. Call Red Duerksen at 772-4850.

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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. The very first time that classified ads were included in the newsletter, they worked. Brian Lee sold a Johnny Lightening diecast car. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at bg4given@gmail.com

Upcoming Cruises & Events

Feb. 20 – Coyote Canyon
 Feb. 27 – Pizza Ranch at Tea
 March 5 – Royal Fork
 March 12 – Market Place at Inwood, IA
 March 19 – Ramkota
 March 22-23 – Easter Car Show in Sioux Falls
 April 12 – SD Parent Connection Car Show in Sioux Falls
 April 19 – El Riad Shrine Beatles Tribute
 May 10 – El Riad Shrine Rockin' 50s Party
 May 21 – ABS Show and Shine
 May 28 – VA Car Show at the Sioux Falls VA hospital
 June 4 – Executive Touch cruise
 June 6-8 -- Luverne's Buffalo Days Cruise Nite and car show.
 June 8 – Sioux Empire Ford Car Show
 June 13 – Hills Poker Run, starting in Brandon, SD
 June 15 – Cars in the Park show in Mitchell
 June 18 – Automania in Sioux Falls
 June 20-22 – Back to the 50s in St.

Paul, MN
 June 21 – Marion Car Show
 June 21 – Mighty Mo Car Show at Harry K's in Oacoma
 June 27-29 – Quarry Days in Del Rapids
 July 8-12 – POCI Nationals in Spearfish
 July 11-13 – Black Hills Rod Run at Hill City, SD
 July 12-13 – River City Racin' Show and Shine at Cedar Shore in Oacoma
 July 26-27 – Canton Area Cruise Nite and Car Show
 Aug. 8-10 – Old Iron Co. Rod Run in Spencer
 Aug. 10 – Madison Car Show
 Aug. 15-17 – Yankton River Boat Days
 Aug. 21-24 – Kool Deadwood Nights
 Aug. 29-31 – Labor Day Rod Run in Sioux Falls
 Aug. 29-31 – Good Guys Car Show in Kansas City
 Sept. 5-7 – 29th Annual Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown

February Birthdays

Derrick Stokes	1
Jim Hansen	2
Don Jones	2
Darwin Sletten	10
Faye Gallagher	12
Bonnie Britt	12
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

March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

Tommy & Lola Little	3
Diego & Lea Yorsky	19

Club Shirts Available

Great Plains Streetrodders club shirts are now available.

The layout matches past gray club shirts. The shirts feature the club's logo on the chest and the club name and city and state on the back. Vegas Gold is the color, and the cost is \$7 for sizes small to XL or \$8 for XXL. Nancy Snyder is coordinating the purchase of club shirts.

In addition, Clay Seachris is coordinating an Aluminum Plaque club logo purchase. He has 16 pre-ordered already and the price is going to be \$20 per plate. He will

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be placing the order the first week in March and it takes 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. The plaques have a minimum order quantity, so may not be ordered again for a couple years.

Sympathy Offered

Great Plains Streetrodders were stunned to learn Judy Ebright passed away Feb. 6 at home. Funeral services were held Feb. 11 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. No further details were available. Please keep Gary and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Glenn and Doug Walker's brother, Kenneth Walker of Junction City, KS, has also passed away. Please keep Great Plains Streetrodders members Glenn and Cathy and Doug and Karen and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

The Great Plains Streetrodders extend their condolences to the families.



Thanks Offered

Thanks to each and everyone of you for your support, prayers, cards, calls and visits while I was hospitalized. My prognosis is very bright. I had no lymphode involvement. I'm thankful for a "family" (Great Plains Streetrodders) that really does care about each other and my family.

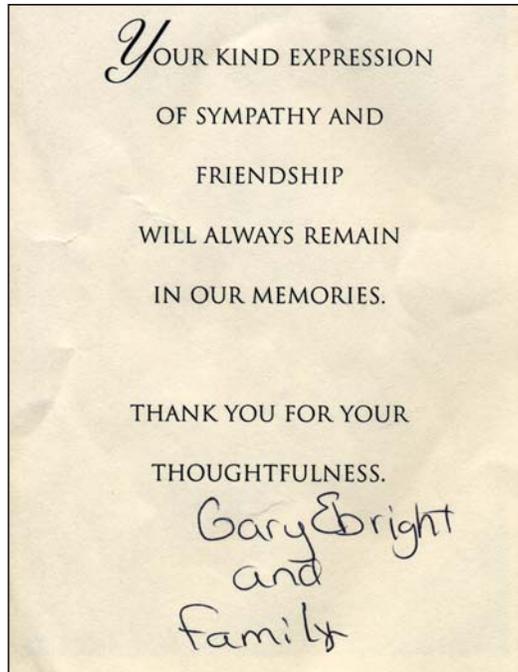
Kevin & Cheri Kappenman

It's A Spring Fever Social

Are you thinking about the coming cruising season? Then come gather at a social event and share with everyone some of your ideas of what kind of cruising you want to do.

The social event will be held March 8th, a Saturday night, at the Sioux Valley Energy Building at 5 p.m. and will be a pot-luck dinner. There will be some door prizes, and it will be similar to the club's Christmas Party. The agenda is to bring a majority of the members together and generate thoughts of spring and the cruises and fun we'll have this summer.

Plan now to be there!



Submissions For The Newsletter

If you have anything to submit for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter, the deadline is the second Wednesday of each month. Anything will be considered for addition to the newsletter.

To submit something, contact Brian Lee at 605-498-0178, email bg4given@gmail.com or look for him around his 1961 Ford Thunderbird or 1951 Chevy sedan delivery.

