



Cruisin' News

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Everybody Is Having Fun

The Great Plains Street Rodder's poker run was a blast; we received many compliments on the cruise layout and stop format. Each location's fun little task really involved the passengers. I'm still hearing communication stories between spouses working together for the best possible card at each stop. Fred and Nancy's roulette wheel worked perfectly for the ending at the Sonic Drive-In. Hey, ask Sandy about the beautiful view from Amidon hill or at least how things look part way down the side. This was a successful event due to many volunteers' ideas and coordination together.

The Cruise to the Farm started with the club members meeting in Brandon and cruising to Norm and Ethelyn's place. The attendance was better than ever and despite a hot summer day everyone had a great time. The private burnout area was once again a big hit and it's always nice to spend time in a climate controlled garage visiting with friends. Norm's car collection and the draw of cars from all over really bring in some awesome cars and wonderful people. Thank you, Norm and Ethelyn.

Marty's Upholstery also made for a great cruise location. Good food and a big grassy area for visiting and enjoying the cars always make this location a nice evening cruise stop. Again, there were a number of cars many of us had never seen before.

The annual July membership directory is published, showing strong club stability of 163 members representing 86 families. Many families have multiple cars, so we continue to represent classic and collectable autos from the 1920's to today. It's great to see all the names and know we have many friends enjoying our hobby together. I'm embarrassed at times when I mistake who our current members truly are. Recently, I was selling club t-shirts and had an old friend ask for one. Not remembering he was a current member I pleasantly replied, "Sorry they're member shirts". He happily chuckled and said, "I am a Great Plains Street Rodder, I just don't get to functions very often". These are the members that benefit from our email network, monthly newsletters and regularly updated website. They're able to have constant remote contact with the club and fit right in when they do attend functions.

We have hosted a number of events this summer and the Ice Cream Social at Children's Home Society is approaching. Our club is large enough, so members don't feel pressured to volunteer all the time. Veteran members are excited to meet new members and we encourage newer members to volunteer because it's such a tremendous way to grow friendships. When we host an event, our size also allows us to have many volunteers and still have members just attending the event. Thank you to all the volunteers this year and to those active members attending the events. When the Great Plains Street Rodders are even only attending an event, we are large enough to make that event a success.

There are many members that make my tenure easier. The ideas, solutions and hard work from so many have made wonderful 2008 cruise memories. I especially want to recognize Kevin Kappenman for again being an overwhelming summer cruise volunteer coordinator and worker. We have so many wonderful members, but please give Kevin a pat on the back the next time you see him. He's always involved in behind-the-scenes planning and his involvement and hard work may easily be overlooked.

We've had a great summer together, with many more good memories to be made. Our cruisers have been out so much this year, we've hardly have time to wipe them down between outings. This winter will be a good time for detailing. Until then, cruise, cruise, cruise. Keep checking www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com for new updates.

I only touched on a small portion of area events. Keep checking www.siouxlandcouncil.info for posted cruises, shows and photos. Our own website www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com always has updates also and the webmaster link is a great place to email your club member photos. Betty is always glad to get printed photos also for the club photo albums. Keep up the fun, making memories and friendships as Great Plains Street Rodders.

A GTO That Can Make Anyone a Pontiac Lover.

Dale Kiebach has been a fan of Pontiacs for a long time, since he was 16 years old. And what Pontiac fan wouldn't want one of those fabled GTOs? Dale waited many years for his.

Dale and his wife Pat finally got their GTO in 2002. But it didn't look anything like it does today.

Dale's son-in-law Brad had suggested he buy a 1967 GTO that Brad's father had previously owned. Brad's father, Arnie Tofteland, had been working on making it into a race car but died before getting very far. The car was sitting in a salvage yard in Ellsworth, MN, and the owner of the salvage yard had told Brad to come get it. Brad then put it in storage for several years before offering it to Dale and Pat. Brad sold it to his father-in-law with the understanding that some day he would pass the car on to one of Brad's children, making the car an important part of the family history as well as automotive history.

But before anyone could drive the car, it was going to need a lot of work. It had no engine, transmission or interior, and there were many parts from the car in numerous boxes and buckets. The car hadn't been operated since 1979.

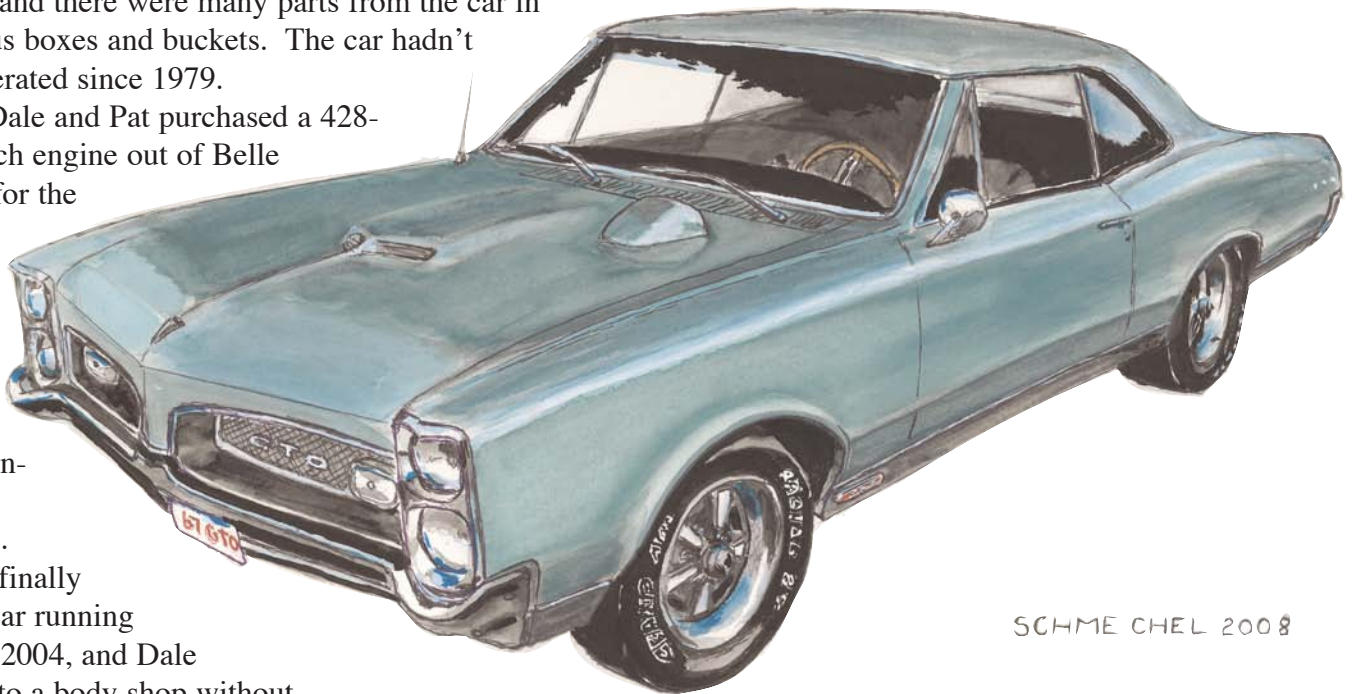
Dale and Pat purchased a 428-cubic-inch engine out of Belle Fouche for the car and rebuilt it with help from his brother-in-law and nephews.

They finally got the car running again in 2004, and Dale drove it to a body shop without the front clip, interior or exhaust system installed. He was sitting on a cement block, but was enjoying the drive after all the work done up to this point to get the car running. It took about 18 months for the body shop to finish their portion of the car, and it was painted the car's original color, Linden Green.

The car was finally complete in time to cruise to the local Pontiac club's picnic at Sherman Park in July 2006. It was only fitting that the Pontiac made its first appearance at a function hosted by the Pontiac club. They have been enjoying the car ever since, taking it on many Great Plains Streetrodders' cruises and to many local car shows. It is their pride and joy.

Once the car finally does get handed down

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to a grandchild, it may need another restoration from being worn out by the many trips the Kiebachs are enjoying in their beautiful GTO.

Welcome New Members

Please add the following new members to your directory:

*Robert Baatz & Amanda Mullinix, 3504 N. 8th Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; home phone: 605-275-2838; his birthday: 05/27; her birthday: 03/24; Email: www.fierosRn1@sio.midco.net ; Car(s): 1987 Pontiac Fiero and 1985 Pontiac Fiero.

*Ken & Vicky Levene, 46341 - 275th Street, Chancellor, SD 57015; home Phone: 605-647-2231, cell phone(s): (K)605-366-1698; (V)605-321-9664; his birthday: 03/08; her birthday: 08/02; wedding anniversary: 04/04; email: www.luckybranch@yahoo.com; www.vicylevene@yahoo.com ; car: 1966 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible.

*Jeff & Jeanne Matthews, 2805 S. Marion Road, Sioux Falls, SD 57106; home phone: 605-361-7171, cell phone: 605-231-0606; his birthday: 07/08; her birthday: 8/13; wedding anniversary: 12/26; email: www.t matt89125@aol.com ; cars: 1928 Ford Model "A", 1955 Chevy Panel, 1997 Chevy Corvette.

There's Something Fishy About This

Dwight and Ruby Johnson are planning their 8th annual Just For The Halibut feed for Saturday, Sept 13, at 2:00.

This year, just for the Halibut, the Johnsons are offering salmon.

There will also be buffalo burgers, Brats, Brad's Beans , salads, drinks and whatever.

The location will be 47696 69th St., one mile south of 57th at the NW corner of 69th and Sycamore. Please be advised they have a mile of graveled and mag-washed road. Custom and antique cars are not required to attend but would be appreciated. The easiest way in is to come down Sycamore.

The Johnsons request a RSVP by calling 371-5898 or 201-5976 so they can have an idea ahead of time how many will be attending.

Sympathy Extended

Great Plains Streetrodder Rob Baatz's father, Dennis Baatz, passed away Aug. 6, 2008. Fellow Great Plains Streetrodders extend their sympathy to Rob and Amanda for their loss.

Rob and Amanda recently joined the Great Plains Streetrodders, and are also members of Pontiac Club. Rob works at Central States Fire.

Rob and Amanda's home address, for anyone who would like to send a

Card, is: 3504 N. 9th Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Give Them A Hand

The July 9th Poker Run was a big hit. We had many old friends



participating and a number of cars/people that were fresh faces.

A number of members had gone to the Black Hills for the Rod Run and national Pontiac gathering already and missed the run, but were curious regarding the winners. So here they are:

Best Hand: Amanda Mullinix, with a Straight, \$58

2nd Best Hand: Gary Remme, with 3 Aces, \$29

Worst Hand: Ike Weise, 9 high, \$29

Thanks again to all who participated and a special thank you to the GPSR volunteers who made this a great time.

Driving Too Slow

Parked on the side of the road waiting to catch speeding drivers, a state trooper sees a car pattering along at 22 mph. He thinks to himself, "This driver is as dangerous as a speeder!"

So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back, wide-eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand. I was going the exact speed limit. What seems to be the problem?"

The trooper trying to contain a

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chuckle, explains to her that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before you go, Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car OK? Your passengers seem awfully shaken."

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Highway 127."

Our Club Has Helping Hands

The following is a retyped letter to the editor from the August 2008 National Street Rod Association's monthly Street Scene magazine. Bob Schmeichel shared the article with Clay Seachris and they felt it needed to be shared with the Great Plains Streetrodders. This letter reflects upon men and their businesses that are well revered active club members with trusted shops in Sioux Falls. We are proud to have these guys as friends and always confident to recommend their businesses to anyone. This little article shares nationally what we've known locally for years.

Sioux Falls Rescue Team

On my way home from Bakersfield, California, to Quebec City, Canada with my T Bucket, we had a clutch problem in the Badlands near Wall, South Dakota. I looked in the Fellow Pages and saw someone in Sioux Falls who could help. So I drove to Sioux Falls to find a motel for Sunday evening.

A big thanks goes to Emery Lee who made the contact for me on

August

Birthdays

Vicky Levene	2
Joyce Olsen	5
Cheri Kappenman	6
Darla Goebel	7
Brian Lee	7
Terry Jellis	9
Laurie VanNoort	12
Wayne King	16
Betty Heidebrink	17
Judy Bentson	18
Sandy Heither	18
Jean Knowlton	18
Shirley Alby	19
Glenn Walker	20
Robin Miller	22
LaNette Gregersen	27
Terry Koch	28
Garry Remme	28
Jeff Knowlton	29

August Anniversaries

David & Kimberly Frock	5
Darwin & Jane Sletten	8
Jules & Marilyn Haper	15
Doug & Laurie VanNoort	15
Ron & Karen Roe	23

September

Birthdays

Jayne DeBoer	1
Chuck Kellogg	2
Jeannie Ogle	4
David Frock	6
Fred Snyder	7
Julie Slumskie	10
Linda Elliott	11
Dianne Corkell	12
Sheila Miller	14
Justi Hanson	18
Audrey Remme	20
Kris Golden	21
Sherrey Kellogg	25
Dale Kiebach	26
Bill Kullander	30

September Anniversaries

Kevin & Cheri Kappenman	6
Kirk & Michelle Lee	7
"Bones" & Candi Hanson	11
Jason & Shanda Schlechter	13
Leonard & Carla Rhoades	15
Jason & Christina Jellis	15
Terry & Kathy Koch	16
Garry & Audrey Remme	19
Tom & Linda Elliott	26
Jerry & Robin Miller	29

Sunday night, to Ken Buchanan of Mobile Brake Service, who did the removal and installation of the car, and to Mike Paulson of Driveline Service, who fixed my hybrid clutch. I got on the rode on Monday by 2:30 p.m.

A bonus with the job was a Sioux Falls discovery and interpretive tour by Mr. Buchanan and one of his friends. What was looking to be a nightmare became a joyful day.

I've visited 25 National Parks and like Joe Mayall says, "My car, wife and me became a part of someone else's memories, as we've

been asked by all about our vehicle which surely became a star of most of the other tourist photos or videos of their vacation."

Hoping to see everybody on the road in Quebec, Andre Rheaume Quebec, Canada



Upcoming Cruises & Events

August 20 -- Cook Out Wall Lake, hosted by the Sioux Empire Ford Club
August 20 -- Southeast Technical Institute's 40th Anniversary Celebration, 4pm -8pm, 2320 N Career Ave, Sioux Falls
Aug. 21-24 -- Kool Deadwood Nights
Aug. 23 -- Montrose Car Show 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the city park
Aug. 23 -- Brokkings Wing Festival car, truck and motorcycle show at the Swiftel Center 4-7 p.m.
Aug. 24 -- Royal River Casino Car Show 11 a.m. -- 5 p.m. in Flandreau
Aug. 27 -- Cruise to Executive Touch /Subaru, 1011 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls
Aug. 29-31 -- Good Guys Car Show in Kansas City
Sept. 3 -- Cruise to Ice Cream Social at Children's Home Society, 801 N. Sycamore Ave. Sioux Falls
Sept. 5-7 -- 29th Annual Vintiques Rod Run in Watertown
Sept. 13 -- Just For The Halibut feed for at 2 p.m. at Dwight and Ruby Johnson's, 47696, 69th St.
Sept. 18 -- Cars Thru The Generations at Sioux Falls
Sept. 26-28 -- Outkasts Car Club show in Mitchell

Classified ads

FOR SALE -- 5' x10' trailer with attached loading ramp. Wired with lights and highway tires. \$775.00, call Terry Peterson, 359-5386.

FOR SALE -- 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 Sport 5.2 Liter 4X4 This is a real nice white Dodge Ram 1500 Sport 4X4 with a lot of cool stuff. It has twin Magnaflow mufflers, Pioneer CD player with Comp 12's and Fosgate amp, remote start, viper lock/alarm system, alloy wheels, 112,464 miles. \$11,800, Contact Clay's neice Miranda at pernell555@msn.com or 929-6066.

FOR SALE -- NOS 1966 Chevella 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 -- 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.

FOR SALE -- 1952 Packard parts, including a grill, trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebricht 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

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.

