



Cruisin' News

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It's a Race to Keep Up

By Clay Seachris
President's message

Car shows and cruises continue as successful social gatherings. The fond memories of shows and cruises already held will forever remind us of the Summer of '09. Many of you went to regional and national shows like Back to the Fifties, the Black Hills Rod Run and the Heartland Nationals. Numerous neighboring towns also have hosted their car shows and we've had lots of fun in Tea, Harrisburg, Luverne, Dell Rapids, Larchwood, Lennox and all over the Sioux Empire.

Wednesday night cruises to Executive Touch and Handyman were blessed with good weather and we pulled out the bag chairs, enjoyed meals and shared stories of the summer travels, shows and how the summer is flying by. It's been a race to keep up with all the summer events.

We just wrapped up our Root Beer Float Social at Children's Home Society. Seeing the enthusiasm of these children really makes this cruise worth while. The children had a hard time choosing the perfect free HotWheels car, so Bones Hanson helped by pointing out the really cool ones or at least the ones he wanted. Hey, when it comes to cars, we're all kids at heart. Thank you to Jim and Jayne DeBoer, Bones and Candi Hanson, and Denny and Betty Heidebrink for coordinating, float making and helping children choose the perfect toy cars.



Gary Bockerny came driving in just in time for his blown t-bucket to be swarmed with adoring, screaming fans. He mentioned later that he now knows what it's like to be a teenage rock star. These



kids are very knowledgeable and sharpen their reading skills with car-related magazines. Their questions mirror adult enthusiasts like, "Is this a V8 and how many cubic inches?" and of course "How fast does this car go?" The question that I always laugh at is "How much does this car cost?" because children are still at an age where discretion is not an issue. One line we should all take from this evening came from a little girl who said to us, "You are so lucky." At the time, I explained that it takes a lot of hard work and if she studied hard and did well in school blah, blah... But simply put, she was correct. We are lucky to have good friends and the ability to enjoy our hobby together.

See www.siouxlandcouncil.info for schedule updates and www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com for club updates.

Averting Disasters

By Eric Anderson



The story of the '53 Buick Special begins several years ago when an employee of ours mentioned they had a Buick street rod. Not much more was said for a few years when one day he came to me and said they wanted to sell it because his wife had cancer.

I asked about the particulars because I wasn't much into 1950's cars. About all he knew was that it had a 455-cubic-inch motor and his wife had put it in storage seven years before. She wanted a reasonable price and I was in a position to help the family so we struck a deal and it was delivered to my business shop.

At this point, the history started to unfold. The couple's son had been in prison in Arizona and on his release his mother bought the car for him. He wound his way back to Iowa and worked in the area for a couple years before being sent back to prison for more infractions. His mother then took the car back and stored it in a mini storage for seven years under lock and key.

I got the car cleaned up and started my own investigation as I rebuilt the carb, tranny, brakes and got the Buick running. After we had owned the car a couple months, the Great Plains Street Rodders club had a tour to Speedway Motors in Lincoln, Nebraska. We decided that would be a good shake down cruise to see what we had. On the way home, I noticed a hum and vibration when decelerating. Back at the shop everything checked out and all fluids looked good so we drove the big Buford on several other trips that summer.

During the winter of 2008, I decided to change the rear gearing. When we went to pull the differential apart, we discovered the spider pins had come loose, and they fell out when we pulled the axles! How close to a disaster can you come? I pulled an axle from a '75 Pontiac wagon and have been happily touring ever since.

Over the last year I have been able to learn the car was built and painted in 1969 in Tucson, Arizona. The upholstery was done in Nogales, Mexico. The builder used a '70's Pontiac to get the 455, TH 350, steering column and rear axle. The front suspension is courtesy of a '72 Monte Carlo. Wheels are early Crager SS.

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Even though the paint was 40 years old I decided to leave it as is because of the unique pinstriping over the entire car. The striping is classic '60's and is signed by the striper with a stylized "scorpion '69". Just too cool to mess with.

I still need to replace some window channel and weatherstripping. The grille on this old beast is the focal point for many. It looks like a smiling whale, which, I guess, pretty much describes our maroon ride.

"When better cars are built, Buick will build them".

Poker Run Results

Many shared impressive fan-belt tosses and roulette wheel spinning skills at our annual Poker Run. This year's winners were Steve Peterson, Karen Roe and Marilyn Haper.

Grateful Children

The club received a "thank you" from Aunnie at Children's Home Society. The children are always excited to see us and our cars. They use car magazines to sharpen their reading skills and they're very informed little car enthusiasts.

Betty Heidebrink has agreed to collect your discarded car magazines. The club will give them to the children along with more "HotWheels" on our next visit. We are looking to plan a fall tour of the facility.

"Thank you for coming out again this year and hosting the root beer social for the kids at Children's Home Society. This is such a fun event for our kids. Thanks again." Aunnie VandeGriend, Volunteer Service Coordinator, Children's Home Society.



Mouth of a Babe

A teacher was trying to persuade the class pupils to buy a copy of their class picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'"

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's our teacher, she's dead."

July Birthdays

Pat Bruining	3
Karen Roe	3
Eric Anderson	8
Jeff Matthews	8
Jan Malcomb	10
Doug Krouse	11
Karen Walker	12
Kimberly Frock	15
Nancy Snyder	15
Betty Jones	17
Roger Van Noort	20
Bones Hanson	21
Kirk Lee	23
Janet Gannon	24
Terry Peterson	25
Barb Buchanan	29
Art Slumskie	31

July Anniversaries

Butch & Debbie Yesda	1
Jim & Julie Hansen	2
Terry & Nancy Jellis	10
Roger & Dianne Corkill	11
Tom & Joyce Olsen	19
Rick & Chris Johnson	28
Dale & Pat Kiebach	29
Gary & Bockorny	30
Art & Julie Slumskie	31

August Birthdays

Joyce Olson	5
Owen McKittrick	6
Cheri Kappenman	6
Brian Lee	7
Darla Goebel	7
Terry Jellis	9
Laurie Van Noort	12
Jeanne Matthews	13
Wayne King	16
Betty Heidebrink	17
Judy Bentson	18
Jean Knowlton	18
Jeff Knowlton	19
Shirley Alby	19
Glenn Walker	20
Vicky Levene	20
Robin Miller	22
LaNette Gregersen	27
Terry Koch	28
Garry Remme	28
Mike Tlustos	29

August Anniversaries

David & Kimberly Frock	5
Mike & Jean Tlustos	7
Darwin & Jane Sletten	8
Ron & Jackie Heemstra	14
Jules & Marilyn Haper	15
Doug & Laurie Van Noort	15
Ron & Karen Roe	23



Sympathy Goes Out

The Great Plains Street Rodders extend their sympathy to several members who recently lost loved ones.

Dianne Corkill lost her brother. Dennis Dubs, 59, of Freeman, passed away June 26, 2009. Burial was in Freeman City Cemetery.

Dick Gaddis' brother, Gene Gaddis, passed away July 3, 2009. Funeral arrangements were planned for Tuscan, AZ.

Terry Jellis lost a sister, Mona Schunneman, who died over the July 4th weekend. Funeral services were held July 8, 2009.

Thanks Given

Thank you all for your cards, letters and prayers regarding the passing of my sister, Mona. We appreciate your support. Terry Jellis

Family Cruising

By Clay and Susan Seachris

Magazines have written articles focusing on the changes in hotrodding and the addition of family values and women in hotrodding. Those values are nothing new to the Great Plains Street Rodders. We've embraced and enjoyed sharing the hobby with spouses and family for a long time. Roger Malcomb, veteran member and past president from the early 90's, shares a conversation he had with fellow veteran member Shirley Alby. The guys of the club had been meeting for years at Sherman Park in the Zoo's

parking lot. On this hot summer night, the guys were discussing how to expand the club and make things even more fun. Shirley had attended that evening because she enjoys cruising with Allen and refuses to let him have all the fun with their cars. She mentioned getting the wives to participate and shared that many of the wives, like her, enjoy cars, cruising and the social side of our hobby. So for over 15 years now, we've had as many active women in the club as men.

Traditionally hot rodding and the car enthusiast world was a guy thing. Many guys of the old school mentality went to the garage or went out cruising to get away from their wives and kids. Today that approach to marriage and family is obsolete. We embrace and enjoy spending time with our partners, children and friends and enjoy our passion together equally as men and women.

Many of us plan our vacations around local and national car shows. The cruises to the Black Hills, Watertown, Kansas City, Des Moines and Okoboji are just some of the places many of the families of the Great Plains Street Rodders have on their lists for summer vacation/car event weekends.

Our summers involve road tripping across the state and planning out gas and food stops, checking road maps and wondering who or what we'll see along the way. Sometimes the cruise and route along the way, the people you meet and experiences on the road overshadow the car show destination. As our club travels through towns and stops for

food and gas, impromptu car shows are created for the locals. It's funny how fast news travels in a small town. We can be parked or idling through town and before you know it the boulevards are filled with waving people.

It's great to see ladies like Betty Heidebrink in her '51 Rocket 88, Cheryl Van Noort in her '56 Nash, Nancy Snyder and the '23 T-bucket, and Faye Gallagher and "Henrietta" her '66 Chevy Impala cruising along side their hubbies with cars or they're even comfortable enough to be at cruises and shows by themselves as today's hotrodders.

So the days of women only sitting in the passenger seat for a cruise, poker run or car show are gone and the older days of the wives and family staying at home while the guys cruise or show their cars alone is long gone. For sure anyway as Great Plains Street Rodders.



Upcoming Cruises & Events

See additional events, verify info and registrations at siouxlandcouncil.info

- July 10** – Black Hills Rod Run
- July 10-11** – Larchwood, Iowa, Car Show & Burnouts
- July 11** – RiverCity Racin’
- July 15** – SCCS Cruise Hosts
- July 15** – Hot Summer Nights
- July 19** – Cruise to Fey’s Farm
- July 22** – Sherman Park POTLUCK
- July 24-25** – Impact in the Park
- July 25-26** – Canton Area Car Show, Parade and Activities
- July 25** – Brian’s, Fulda, MN
- July 25** – State Farm Show
- July 27** – Pipestone Car Show
- July 29** – Sioux Falls Pontiac
- Aug 1** – Poker Run, Classic Excitement
- Aug 2** – GM Car Show
- Aug 2** – Royal River Car Show
- Aug 5** – Executive Touch
- Aug 7-9** – Old Iron Rod Run
- Aug 12** – V.A. Car Show
- Aug 14-16** – Riverboat Days
- Aug 16** – Arlington Car Show
- Aug 16** – Madison Car Show
- Aug 19** – Bethany Meadows Brandon, We’re hosting
- Aug 20-23** – Kool Deadwood Nights
- Aug 26** – Wall Lake Cruise

Newsletter Submissions

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





Classified Ads

WANTED -- 1968 Buick Skylark with good body parts, need not run. Also need a set of 15-inch, 5-spoke mags to fit a Chevy and a set of 15-inch wire wheels with 4 ½ inch pattern. Call Eric Anderson at 712-380-4969.

FOR SALE – 1996 Saturn SC-2 sports car, lovely deep purple color, five-speed, four cylinder, runs good but needs brakes. 111,000 miles. Asking \$1,095, well below Kelly blue book value. Call 498-0178.

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 ‘56 Chevy. Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543.

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 - NOS 1973-1987 Chevrolet/GMC P/U, Suburban, Blazer rear tailgate trim molding (black insert) \$25; GM Aluminum Big Block “Chevrolet” logo black powder coated valve covers with fasteners and grommets new in the box, \$125; complete set of Big Block GM High Performance 1.7 stamped steel rocker arms, pivots and nuts new in the box \$50; 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; Chev. Big Block 9 qt oil pan cleaned & painted black, \$25; 9” Ford rear end housing with 28 spline axles bracketed for 1958-1962 Chev. full size car 5 x 4 ¾” bolt pattern, \$100; set of 20 Stainless steel Chev. metric wheel lug nuts new never installed, \$20; new Chev./GM 454 HD fan clutch new in box, \$30.00; 1993-1999 Chev./GMC P/U Suburban, Blazer rear tail lights converted to LED lamps (plug in) \$50, pair of John Deere lawn tractor wheels sand blasted painted JD yellow 12”x12” for 400 series tractor, \$60; snow mobile trailer axle with springs and tounge,\$50; pair of trailer tires & wheels, bias ply 205/75x14 spoked wheels 5x4 1/2” bolt pattern \$30.00. For more info call Mike Miller 605-360-8546

FOR SALE -- 5' x10' trailer with attached loading ramp. \$775, Terry Peterson, 359-5386

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 & chrome. Driver. Call Eric Anderson at 712-380-4969.

FOR SALE -- 3:92 gears for Ford 9 inch rear-end (excellent condition), Chrome 2-wire alternator for 1974 thru 1984 Ford 302 (New in box). Bill Kullander, 605-366-1158

FOR SALE – (4) Chevy 15” rims with 1951 Chevy hub caps for \$50 OBO. Call Brian, 605-498-0178 or email bg4given@gmail.com

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 – 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

WANTED – Classified ads for the Great Plains Streetrodders newsletter. If you are a member of the club, it’s FREE to help you sell something, or find something. To place your ad, call Brian at 498-0178 or email him at bg4given@gmail.com.