



# Cruisin' News

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## *Buckle Up and Enjoy the Ride*

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Mid-June and July are jam packed with cruises and car shows. May was full of people sharing show fliers, and through the club's email many invitations were added to the Siouxland Car Council's website calendar. Great Plains Street Rodders should be pleased that so many people and organizations are checking out our website and emailing the club invitations to cruises, car shows and fundraisers. To just name a few, we've had many churches and retirement homes ask us to bring our cars to generate enthusiasm for their organizations. We are also striving to do some of our little weekend cruises and having a difficult time scheduling open cruise time.

A number of members cruised to the Papik Motors spring show in Luverne and another in Canton despite the 50° temperatures. Club members showed even with questionable picnic weather and stayed later than normal in Canton to spend time together sharing the week's events. We joked that we stayed later because everyone was huddled together for warmth and no one wanted to leave. Jim DeBoer laughed as I quipped "hard-core cruisers." We've cruised and showed our cars during harder times and being together is fun no matter the climate. Although, we did pass on the evening after-dinner ice cream run.



Terry Koch opened his race shop to us again. With help from Kevin Kappenman and other volunteers, Terry hosted another fun Wednesday evening cruise. At a glance, I saw Dale Bruining in front of the grill again and Dale and Pat Kiebach helping in the serving line. The night had good weather, so the race shop's big lawn was full of racecars, hotrods, musclecars, streetrods and even a new 2010 Camaro. I know Terry and his closest buddies put in some hard labor cleaning his shop and moving race equipment around to make room, and it looked great. This will be a highlight of the summer cruise season. Thank you to Terry, the volunteers and attendees who made this night memorable.

I have touched on only a few of the gathering we've had recently. So check the cruise and show schedule on the car council website [www.siouxlandcouncil.info](http://www.siouxlandcouncil.info) for updates. Continue checking [www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com](http://www.greatplainsstreetrodders.com) to see club pictures and updates.



## *Not Meant For Good Fire Maintenance*

When Terry Jellis purchased his 1930 Ford coupe three years ago, it was all original but showed many decades of use.

Terry and his son Jason immediately tore into it to make it the hotrod seen today.

“When I got that coupe, I had it for maybe four weeks and had everything taken off,” Terry said. “New Year’s Eve we cut the top off. I took 3 ½ inches out of it.”

Feltman Glass cut glass to fit the reduced windows.

After they had torn it down and boxed the frame, they installed a 350 V-8 with a Turbo 350 transmission to push the horsepower into a 1962 Chevy Nova rear-end. The engine has a light cam and was bored .030 over – not a lot of upgrades but it packs enough power to spin the rear tires at Terry’s every whim.



“I like to take it down to Larchwood to the burn-outs,” he said. “It’s got a lot of power to it.”

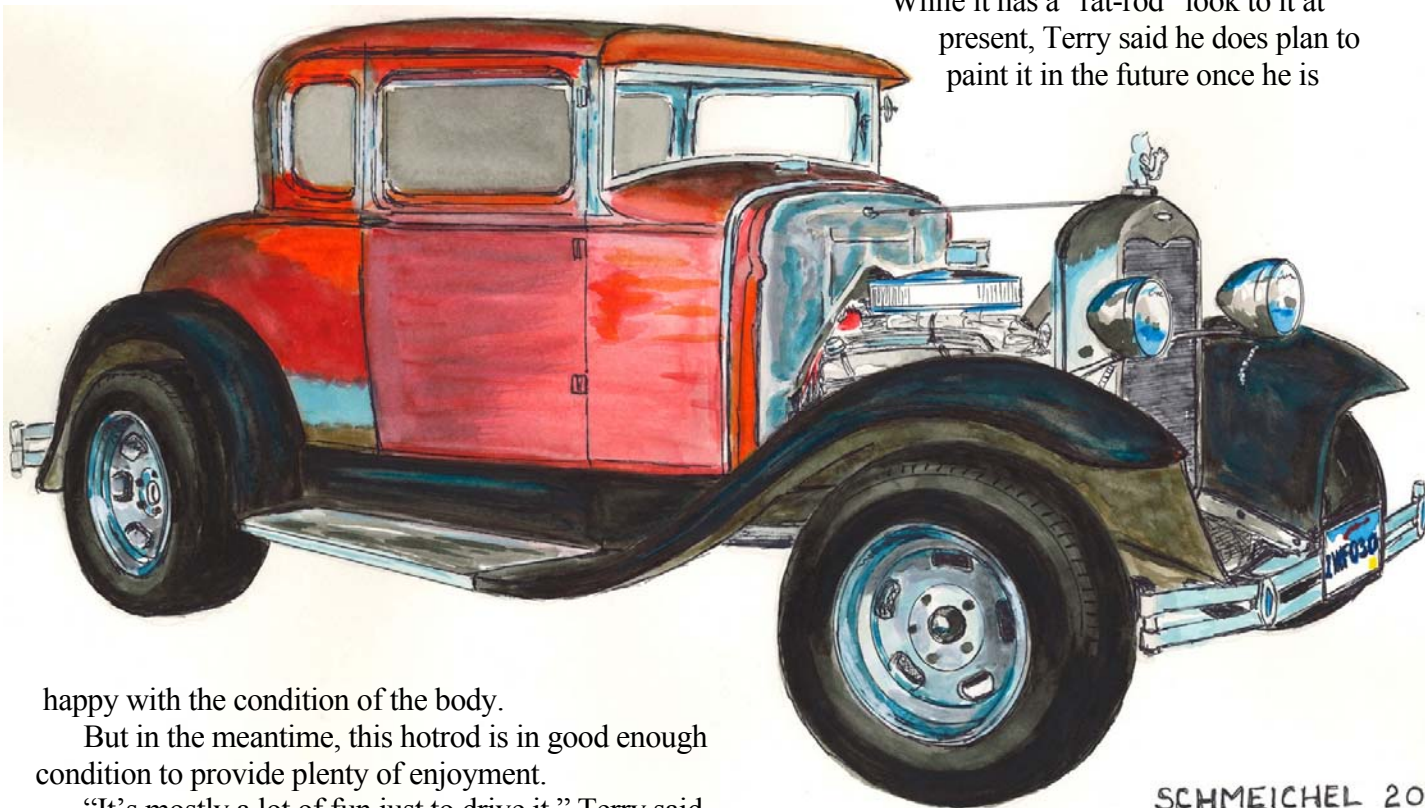
The car also features “deuce” headlamps, and many of the body joints and seams are smoothed over. Terry retained the original steering wheel and column, but put in rack and pinion steering up front.

One unique item he didn’t have to look very hard for is the hood ornament, a devil thumbing his nose in an insulting manner. A rare accessory, Terry got it from a friend who had it for a long time and is now deceased.

Terry and Jason aren’t done with this car yet. “I’m kind of collecting parts for it,” he said.

“I’m kind of looking for a deck lid. I’m just looking for good parts, real good fenders so they don’t need a lot of work,” he added.

While it has a “rat-rod” look to it at present, Terry said he does plan to paint it in the future once he is



happy with the condition of the body.

But in the meantime, this hotrod is in good enough condition to provide plenty of enjoyment.

“It’s mostly a lot of fun just to drive it,” Terry said.

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## Poker Run - July 8th

The club will be hosting a Poker Run again, Wednesday, July 8. Meet at the Minnesota Avenue Dareo's. The first draw starts at 5:45 and ends at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to run five locations and come up with fun ways of handing out each card draw. The big ending will be set at a relaxing destination for dinner. All the proceeds go back to the winners: 50% to the winner, 25% to second place and 25% to the worst hand. Last year's winners, Amanda Mullinix, Gary Remme and Ike Wiesz, are all fellow members.



## Membership Directories

The 2009 Spring Directory was emailed to all current members. The officers have some extra printed copies. Please review and email [secretary@greatplainsstreetrodders.com](mailto:secretary@greatplainsstreetrodders.com) if you have revisions. The directory helps strengthen our social group as a cheat-sheet for remembering names and cars. With over 160 members and cars, it is difficult to remember all the names, faces and cars. Use the margins for notes or whatever.



## June Birthdays

Rickey Brandt	2
Sarah Stokes	6
Ruby Johnson	12
Jason Jellis	13
Grace Lee	13
Brad Goebel	16
Larry Golden	19
Dale Bruining	20
Mike Paulson	20
Mary Ramstad	21
Denny Heidebrink	22

## June Anniversaries

Brian & Grace Lee	4
Mike & Lori Paulson	4
Ron & Lynn Hammerschmidt	10
Clay & Susan Seachris	10
Gary & Audrey Jorgenson	11
Larry & Kris Golden	12
Jeff & Jean Knowlton	13
Dale & Pat Bruining	19
Bill & Judy Miller	22

## 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



## Bragging About Dad

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!" Happy Father's Day!



## Say Goodbye to Heaven Bound



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

Such was the trip at the end of May as Brian Lee and his son drove Brian's 1951 Chevy sedan delivery to Rochester, NY, where it currently resides.

First, some background – Ben had done most of the work of hotrodding the Chevy, installing the driveline from a 1974 Nova SS, including a 350 V-8, while he was in high school. So, Brian told him that if he graduated college without the need to sell the Chevy to help pay for tuition, he could buy the Chevy for the original price Brian paid to acquire the car out of a junk yard. Ben graduated from college three years ago, but hadn't settled down until now. So he said now he wants to buy the Chevy.

Ben flew to Sioux Falls from Rochester, NY, and on May 26 he and Brian set out for Rochester, taking turns driving the Chevy and Brian's Toyota (which used almost one-third of the gasoline the Chevy consumed). Grace rode along, but had no desire to drive.



It was fun driving the old Chevy down the highway and hearing the various comments at stops.

"Is that a Nomad?" In 15 years of ownership, that's the first time it's ever been mistaken for that!

The car performed flawlessly, always starting and running smooth. And while it was fun to drive, it was equally fun to watch from the other car. Man, that car looked good going down the highway.

Brian and Ben kept in contact with each other by using a set of walkie-talkies. Remember them? They still make them.

"Little Blue to Heaven Bound, you gotcher ears on good buddy?"

"Ten-four, I gotcher back door, Little Blue."

"Traffic's getting thick, if we get separated, I'll meetcha at the choke-and-puke at the next travel plaza."

Ben turned to his mother and said, "The what?"

"The choke-and-puke! That's what they called a restaurant on the movie Smokie and the Bandit."

"Oh."

But then there was the rain. It rained and rained, and we're not talking spring showers. There were torrential downpours, that had even the best of drivers pulling over because they couldn't see. The old Chevy, it still has vacuum-operated windshield wipers. So, during normal heavy rainfall, you could see while driving downhill, but not so well going up hills, when the acceleration used up the vacuum. And when the buckets came down, you couldn't see from either car without slowing down dramatically.

"You still there, Heaven Bound?"

"I think so. I'm following a boat. It has trailer lights, but I can't

see the trailer. I think it's just someone smart enough to use a boat to get down the highway."

The skies were crying great floods, as Heaven Bound ran farther and farther away from South Dakota.

And then there was the weather-stripping -- or lack thereof. The Chevy always leaked when it rained hard. And as hard as it was raining on this trip, it leaked a lot. We had to hang our shoes, socks and even pants to dry when we spent the night in Indiana.

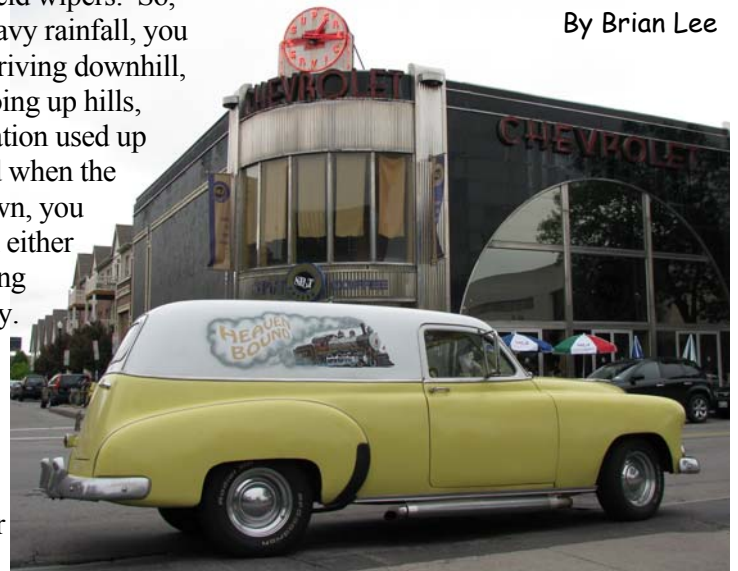
It's just a hobby car, after all. When the weather was bad, it usually didn't go out, so the vacuum windshield wipers and poor weather stripping had never been an issue before. And during the two-day drive to Rochester, NY, the car probably saw more rain than it had in the entire 17 years Brian has owned it.

But as they reached the New York state line, the rain subsided, for the most part. And upon arriving at Ben's home, everything was rosy. The old car had made it.

Five days later, Brian left New York to return home – without the 1951 Chevy. All was not so rosy for him.

And again, the sky was crying.

By Brian Lee



## Upcoming Cruises & Events

See additional events, verify info and registrations at [siouxlandcouncil.info](http://siouxlandcouncil.info)

- June 12** – Hills Poker Run
- June 13-14** – Brookings Car Festival and Show
- June 13** – Spomer Classics
- June 13** – Tea Car Show
- June 13** – Flagfest, Spencer, IA
- June 14** – All Ford Car Show
- June 17** – Automania
- June 19** – Bethany Lutheran Home, Father's Day Picnic
- June 19** – Valley Springs Cruise In
- June 19-21** – Back to the 50's
- June 20** – Marion Car Show
- June 20** – Southern Hills Church
- June 24** – Handy-Man Cruise
- June 27** – Elk Point Car Show
- June 28** – "Blast from the Past"
- June 28** – Gesswein Car Show
- July 1** – Children's Home Society, Ice-cream Social
- July 3** – Flandreau Parade
- July 4** – Lennox Show & Shine
- July 4** – George Car Show
- July 8** – GPSR Poker Run start at Dareo's, 2920 S. Minnesota
- 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** – Marty's, Dell Rapids
- 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

## Snapshots of Members' Cars



## Newsletter Submissions

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





## *Classified Ads*

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.

WANTED – **1950 or 1951 Studebaker**. Call Brian, 605-498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

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 – **1952 Packard parts**, including a grill trim pieces, windows and more. Call Gary Ebright at 339-4571

FOR SALE - NOS 1973-198? 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 3/4” 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com).