



# Cruisin' News

December 2009

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## *What a Fun Year It Was!*

By Clay Seachris  
President's message

Another wonderful Christmas party is behind us. We had a couple subtle changes this year, so I was a little worried the catering and revised gift exchange may disrupt the dynamics of what is always an outstanding year-end event. The feedback, comments and compliments have been positive and I think we all had a wonderful evening.

The gift exchange went smoothly except maybe for a couple spilled drinks and a quick stoppage to get caught up with gift passing. Eric Anderson's daughter, Kris, did a wonderful job reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas." She had the slight pauses down perfectly and her tone and volume did well to overshadow our laughs and oops.

With the success of the Christmas party and all the positive catering comments, the coordinators may plan another catered event this winter. We usually rely upon potlucks for gatherings at the Sioux Valley Energy Building, but as many pointed out, sometimes the cost is similar to a catered event and members don't have as much time invested in preparing, serving and clean-up. The ticket or RSVP coordination takes some planning, but also it means less preparation purchasing plates, napkins, utensils and drinks, so it seems to be an even trade-off. We'll keep our options open. A combination of catered and potluck events makes for a nice change of pace.



The short officers' business portion of the evening went quickly, and as usual reflected how well we get along. The changing office of secretary was the main order of business as Sheila Miller retired from the position so she may travel a bit more this spring and summer. Amanda Mullinix accepted the secretary nomination and is our new secretary.

A short time was spent reflecting upon volunteer members who give our club strength and stability. I know I say this often, but this is so basic to our club, so here it goes again. Every time I give public recognition to volunteers, I regret leaving out so many others that attend

and participate to make our gatherings and events so enjoyable. We refer to our group as "family" often and this family works well together at having fun and playing because so many offer input. Your contribution may be as simple as coming to events and smiling.

It's always wonderful spending time with such great people – family. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## *A Journey Back to Youth*

A lot of car enthusiasts choose a special car they want based on what they had in their first years of driving. But Ken and Vickie Levene decided to take it a step further.

“What I was looking for, was when I was a youth the first car my parents ever let me drive was a 1959 Ford Custom 300 two-door sedan,” Ken explained.

Finding a 1958 Ford two-door shouldn't be too hard. Ford made a lot of them; over 228,000.

“I was looking online,” Ken continued, “and I thought that if that was cool, a Ranchero would be even cooler.”

Now he was narrowing his search to a less widely available model. But that was why he thought a Ranchero would be “cooler.” It's the rarity of the model that sparked his interest.

He finally found the one he purchased in August 2008 on Ebay, but the price was higher than he was willing to pay for the condition it was in. However, everyone else apparently thought so also, as it did not sell. So Ken contacted the owner and started a round of negotiations that proved to be interesting, to say the least. But in the end, Ken prevailed, and an agreeable price was met.

The car ran, and the original 352 c.i. V-8 had been bored, balanced, ported, polished and blue-printed. But a lot of other areas needed attention. It was in good condition, but needed a lot of TLC.

After having it shipped to Denver and then trailering it home from there, Ken replaced the radiator and fixed a lot of engine leaks. None of the gauges worked, so he replaced them. He also replaced a lot of missing or damaged trim and did some body and paint repair to get it in the desirable condition seen today.

As Ken understood the history of the car, it apparently was purchased new in Tennessee, possibly for bootlegging. Ken noted the Rancheros were popular for rum-running because they had a false floor shared with station wagons but without the rear seat and spare tire underneath, providing a lot of hidden space.

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By the time Ken purchased it, it was in Los Angeles. The owner had purchased it from someone who started to restore it but ran out of money, and then he also ran out of money for the work needed. Ken said it looked like the last owner lived in it. But you wouldn't know that looking at it today. Now it looks like someone has loved it.

"It has a lot of residual, sentimental value," Ken said. "It's like being in high school again."

### *Membership Renewals*

Membership renewals officially begin in January, but we have many members already paying 2010 dues to treasurer, Jayne DeBoer, and/or new secretary, Amanda Mullinix.

The 2010 dues are still \$20 per couple or \$10 for a single and your children under 18 are always included.

You may send renewals to Jayne DeBoer, 1717 Annway Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103 or give them to any officer on Wednesday nights.

### *Newest Member*

Congratulations to Derrick and Sarah Stokes! It's a girl!

Paige Marie Stokes was born Dec. 10 at 9:07. She weighed in at 8 lbs. and 6ozs. and was 20 3/4" long.

If you'd like to send a card, Derrick and Sarah's address is 7208 W. 66th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Derrick is the Great Plains Street Rodders' webmaster.

### *Don't Be Late*

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

### *December Birthdays*

Ron Hammerschmidt	2
Bill Miller	3
Gary Ebright	11
Cathy Walker	13
Dorothy Holmbeck	13
Barb Schriever	17
Terri Reilly	19
Julie Hansen	20
LeAnne Phillips	20
Helen Jensen	21
Roger Corkill	24
Ellen Van Noort	30
Chris Johnson	31

### *December Anniversaries*

Morris & Beth Fick	1
Glenn & Cathy Walker	19
Eric & Patt Anderson	20
Bill & Lana Kullander	20
Jeff & Jeanne Matthews	26
Owen & Carlotta McKittrick	28
Fred & Nancy Snyder	31

### *January Birthdays*

Matt Butler	2
Larry Gannon	3
Shanda Schlechter	3
Ike Wiese	5
Grace Bradshaw	5
Glenna Burns	7
Fred Lambert	10
Jean Tlustos	10
Beth Fick	12
Michelle Lee	14
John Lynch	15
Randy Ludwig	16
Carlotta McKittrick	20
Doreen Wiese	21
LaDell Mertens	21
Marilyn Haper	24
Butch Yesda	29
Nancy Jellis	31

### *January Anniversaries*

Ike & Doreen Wiese	12
Allen & Shirley Alby	20



## Thank you

The Food Pantry has expressed gratitude to all the Great Plains Street Rodders for the recent donation to its efforts.

“Thank you again for all the members that organized the Beef-Stew Social and all the members that attended and made that night a blast and this gift possible,” was the message from the Food Pantry.

“I’m so glad to be a part of this group and proud to represent it on your behalf,” said GPSR president Clay Seachris through whom the expression of thanks was presented.



November 25, 2009

Mr. Clay Seachris  
Great Plains Streetrodders  
1717 Annway Dr  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Dear Mr. Seachris,

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your gracious support and for sharing your blessings with those in need. Your contribution of **\$175.00 check #1110 dated November 11, 2009** will help thousands of individuals who face daily struggles with poverty, low-income wages and providing basic levels of food, shelter and healthcare for their loved ones. We pray that this current struggling economy will show signs that the end is near and a bright new future is ahead for all of those that live with daily worry.

At the Community Food Banks of South Dakota, we are dedicated to the fight against hunger. In 2008, we provided over **20,500** local individuals with a **five-day** supply of food through our Food Pantry program in Sioux Falls. While at the same time, our Food Bank operation in Sioux Falls and Rapid City distributed over **8.3 million pounds** of food and grocery products to over **500** charitable organizations throughout the state of South Dakota who share this product with those they serve.

We thank you once again for all of your support and for the impact that your kindness will have in "**Fighting Hunger and Feeding Hope**" in the great state of South Dakota!

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service Regulations, this is to acknowledge receipt of your contribution and to state that there were no good or services furnished in return for this contribution.

Sincerely,

Matt Gassen, Executive Director  
Community Food Banks of South Dakota & the Sioux Falls Food Pantry

*Thank you Clay and Streetrodders  
for all your support and kindness.*

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Ph: 605.335.0364 • Toll Free: 877.366.3265 • Fax: 605.335.6617

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We didn't have pictures of the stew fundraiser, so enjoy the photos from Bethany Meadows.



## Meet-N-Eat Schedule

Schedule posted on  
GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com.

- Dec. 23** – Open due to Christmas
- Dec. 30** – Roll'n Pin
- Jan. 6** – Pizza Ranch 41st
- Jan. 13** – Shenanigan's Pub
- Jan. 20** – Hy-Vee, S. Minn
- Jan. 27** – The Cracker Barrel
- Feb. 3** – The Royal Fork
- Feb. 10** – Valentine's Party  
The Brandon Steakhouse
- Feb. 17** – Skelly's Pub
- Feb. 24** – Valentino's
- Mar. 3** – Pizza Ranch, Brandon
- Mar. 10** – Ramkota Restaurant
- Mar. 17** – Tea Steakhouse
- Mar. 24** – Main Street,  
Larchwood
- Mar. 31** – Pizza Ranch, Tea
- Apr. 7** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
- Apr. 14** – IHOP E10th
- Apr. 21** – Sioux Valley Energy  
Building, Brandon
- Apr. 28** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.

## Hobo Stew

The Annual Hobo Stew Party is  
Sunday, January 24 at the El  
Riad Shrine on 14<sup>th</sup> & Phillips  
starting at 4:30 p.m.

## Summer Cruisin'





## **Classified Ads**

(FREE to All Members)

FOR SALE – **2002 Lincoln Continental**. Contact Don and LaDell Mertens at deltadon79@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE – **1946 Ford 2-door sedan**, Saleen Mustang front end, 11-inch brakes, steering done, nine-inch rear end, Mono leaf rear springs, body work needs to be finished. \$4,600.00. Call Allen Alby at 334-3472.

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 – **Rocker panel side trim**, stainless steel for 1948-52 Chevy, driver's side. \$10. Call 498-0178 or email [bg4given@gmail.com](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

FOR SALE – **Chevy 15-inch steel rims** with hub caps from a 1951 Chevy, four for \$50 OBO. Call 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

FOR SALE – **1957 Chevy chassis**. Call Ron Roe at 605-332-4543.

FOR SALE – **NOS 1973-198?** Chevrolet/GMC P/U, Suburban, Blazer rear tailgate trim molding (black insert) \$25.00; GM Aluminum Big Block "Chevrolet" logo black powder coated valve covers with fasteners and grommets new in the box, \$125.00; complete set of Big Block GM High Performance 1.7 stamped steel rocker arms, pivots and nuts new in the box \$50.00; 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, \$2000.00; Chevrolet Big Block 9 qt oil pan cleaned & painted black, \$25.00; 9" Ford rear end housing with 28 spline axles bracketed for 1958-1962 Chevrolet full size car 5 x 4 ¾" bolt pattern, \$100.00; set of 20 Stainless steel Chevrolet metric wheel lug nuts new never installed, \$20.00; new Chevrolet/GM 454 HD fan clutch new in box, \$30.00; 1993-1999 Chevrolet/ GMC P/U Suburban, Blazer rear tail lights converted to LED lamps (plug in) \$50.00, pair of John Deere lawn tractor wheels sand blasted painted JD yellow 12"x12" for 400 series tractor, \$60.00; snow mobile trailer axle with springs and tounge,\$50.00; pair of trailer tires & wheels, bias ply 205/75x14 spoked wheels 5x4 1/2" bolt pattern \$30.00. For more information, call Mike Miller at 605-360-8546 Sioux Falls.

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). Call Bill Kullander at 605 366-1158.

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

FOR SALE – **Ford shop manual** for 1952-1953-1954 passenger cars. **1976 Ford Torino Elite** two-door hardtop, 351 c.i., auto transmission. Contact Ken Buchanan.

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](mailto:bg4given@gmail.com)

