



Cruisin' News

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Grill's in Storage, Dinner's Still On

By Clay Seachris
President's message

With the changing of the weather and the season, we put away the hotrods, the grill and other outdoor activities, and move the socials indoors. Hey, we still gotta eat. The social spotlight changes slightly from cruising season where we enjoy the weather, admire hotrods and picnics to enjoying indoor socials, updating and building new hotrods, and of course eating restaurant prepared meals. As always, we'll be doing our best to create social events and expand friendships through our various hobbies and interests. Please continue sharing your ideas for group get-togethers and fun.

Arrangements for the Great Plains Street Rodders Annual Christmas Party are well underway. This event is always such a good time. The gift exchange is a blast and the gifts are still separated for men and women. This year's gift exchange will be a little different as you'll be required to follow directions before you open your gift. The party will be catered, so paid RSVP's will be necessary to determine attendance numbers for catering. Read more about the Christmas party on page four.

I hope you've all had fun trying to find that special gift item. Hotrod interests can sometimes be a rare niche, but you never know when you'll find a great clearance-sale item like Betty Boop, Elvis, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe, Grease and American Graffiti memorabilia; hotrod garage art; cool replica cars and cookie jars. Cheap tools become great travel and emergency items. Car detailing supplies are always needed. I wonder what we did before the microfiber towel days. An inexpensive rechargeable drill gift works great as a detailing tool hooked to a cleaning buff-ball. So don't get discouraged shopping, have fun with it – we're easy to please.

Attendance at the Wednesday Meet-n-Eats has been averaging 50 to 60 people. However, if we haven't seen you lately, we're missing you. We have a number of new members becoming veterans quickly through fellowship around the dinner table. Check the Meet-n-Eat schedule and join in the fun.



Loaded With History

Gary Ballenger and Gloria Crews have had their 1930 Ford Model A hotrod coupe about 22 years now. But it was already a significant part of automotive history when they got it.



Gary had a 1955 Chevy Nomad when he struck a deal to trade it for this Model A. While a Nomad is a significant piece of automotive history in and of itself, Gary saw something more in this Model A. The coupe had been built in California several years before the trade and presented itself as a prime example of how hotrods were built in the 1960s. And how they were built in California, which was considered to be the Mecca of hotrodding in the 1960s.

“It’s a part of California history,” Gary said.

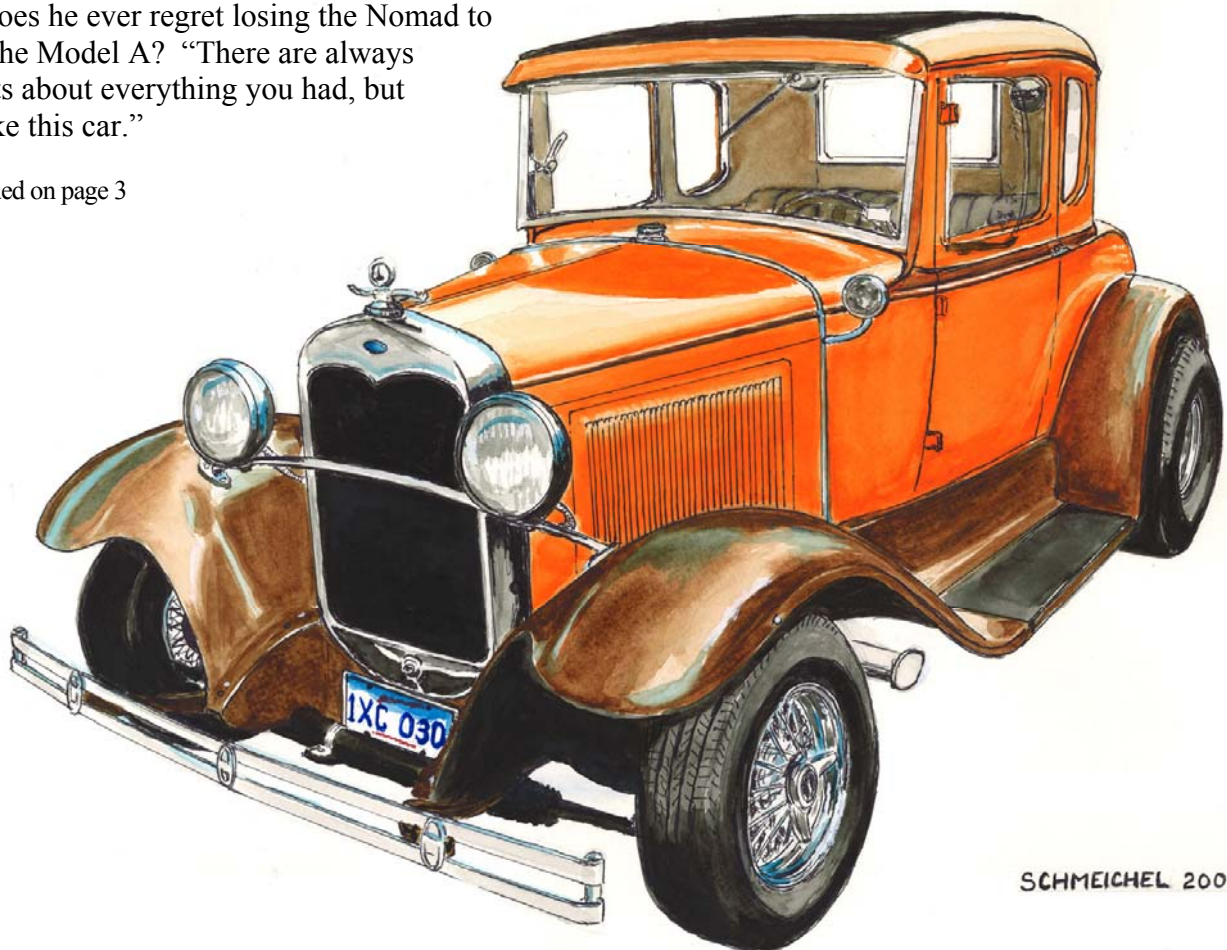
It has a 327 V-8 from a Corvette, mated to a 4-speed transmission, resting on a Corvair front end. Electrical needs come from a generator, as the car was built during the infancy of alternators. But there isn’t a lot of demand for electricity on this car – no air conditioning and music comes from a simple AM/FM radio. No power windows, power seat adjustments or power locks. This car was built for a different kind of comfort – the kind that comes from driving a hotrod. And Gary has driven it a lot, enjoying every moment.

“It’s been all over the United States,” he said. However, he acknowledges that the car really wasn’t built for making long distance trips. But he added, “it was when I was young.”

He’s presently building a 1946 Ford sedan delivery that will be a little more comfortable for the longer trips. It, too, will be powered by a Corvette 327.

Does he ever regret losing the Nomad to gain the Model A? “There are always regrets about everything you had, but we like this car.”

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One of the things that drew him to this car, besides its historical appearance was the unusual color. The colors are not often seen on hotrods back in its day or today. And they had their own historical significance.

"I like the color of it," Gary said. "They're original Ford colors of the 1960s."

Even when he completes the sedan delivery, it will not take the place of the Model A. You don't keep a car for 22 years if it isn't extra special.

Test Run

Approximately 65 members met one October evening at the Sioux Valley Energy Building in Brandon and enjoyed a wonderful meal coordinated and cooked by the Meet-n-eat Committee (Ron and Karen Roe and Roger and Cheryl Van Noort). Lori Paulson brought her homemade buns with honey butter and added to an already great meal.

While not intended as such, it served as a test run for the Christmas party which will be held in the same location Dec. 4. A dinner will be catered, and arrangements for a gift exchange are being made.

Meanwhile, Laurie Van Noort had coordinated with Ted at the Franklin Food Market on discounted supplies which increased the benefit of our charitable October evening. As a result, it became a fund raiser for people who cannot afford much for food in addition to being a fun time for the Great Plains Streetrodders. The

proceeds from the evening were \$150, and with an additional \$25 from the summer Bethany Meadows fundraiser, the Great Plains Street Rodders were able to give \$175 to the Sioux Falls Food Pantry.

Our main focus as a group of car enthusiasts continues to be enjoying our time together cruising and building friendships. It's always positive when we can enjoy our time together and extend a little charitable benefit.

Thank you to all who helped and attended this event.

Club Jacket Search

The most prominent cold weather club logo'd item is a denim and khaki baseball letterman jacket previously purchased at discounted prices.

However, as styles changed, these jackets have become more of a special-order item and the cost has increased.

Members plan to reasonably purchase more jackets and add the embroidered \$8 chest and \$30 jacket-back club logos.

Please keep an eye out for retail or on-line specials on these jackets and contact an officer so we may see more of these jackets at events.



November Birthdays

Susan Seachris	1
Dave Doeringsfeld	2
Clay Seachris	2
Dean Gough	11
Rich Burns	15
Gloria Crews	17
Don Mertens	21
Doug Van Noort	22
Tom Elliott	28
Dwight Johnson	28
Darwin Sletten	29
Keith Schmuck	29

November Anniversaries

Rich & Glenna Burns	4
Doug & Norma Krouse	14
Sam & Bonnie Britt	16
Denny & Betty Heidebrink	16
Gerry & LeAnne Phillips	30

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

Sympathy Offered

The Great Plains Streetrodders extend our sympathy to Denny and Joyce Muchow over the loss of Joyce's father, Ernest E. Edberg, who died October 8, at age 93.

Ernest served as mayor of Hartford 1961-1975 in addition to serving 26 years as a city councilman. He also helped start the first Hartford Cub Scout den / troop in 1952.

The club sent a memorial.

Thank you

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. Family of Ernest Edberg

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party is Friday, December 4th at the Sioux Valley Energy Building in Brandon. Doors open and the social begins at 5:00 p.m.

The meal will be catered and served by Tony's Catering at 6:30 p.m.

We'll be selling \$9 meal tickets until November 30th to know how many for dinner.

No ticket needed to attend, but you'll need one for dinner.

The gift exchange has a \$15 gift limit, so bring a man's gift or a woman's gift. This year there is no gift stealing, but negotiations are up to you.

Desserts and baked goods are also always encouraged.

Paintings on Display

All "Feature Car" recipients please bring your feature car paintings, framed or not, for the annual Christmas Party display.

The paintings can be viewed on our website, but seeing the whole original painting collection in person is great.

Watch Where You Sit

The Great Plains Street Rodders has grown to be a club with many members. This has advantages as well as disadvantages, as member Brian Lee found out recently.

As he strolled in to a recent meeting at Champs, he looked for a table with empty seats and found one. Unknown to him, the club did not have complete and sole use of the room and he sat with a group that was not a part of the club, but was celebrating a birthday.

"Do I know you?" asked a man sitting across from Brian.

"Oh, I don't know, you may have seen me around," Brian said casually, wondering if this was a member he hadn't met before who was being coy. The club has a lot of members, including several new members, and some members don't attend very regularly. So, Brian didn't think it too unusual to be with some unfamiliar faces.

About then Clay Seachris and Jim DeBoer came to Brian's rescue and let him know that he was sitting at the wrong table.

There's nothing wrong with a little lesson in humility once in a while. ☺

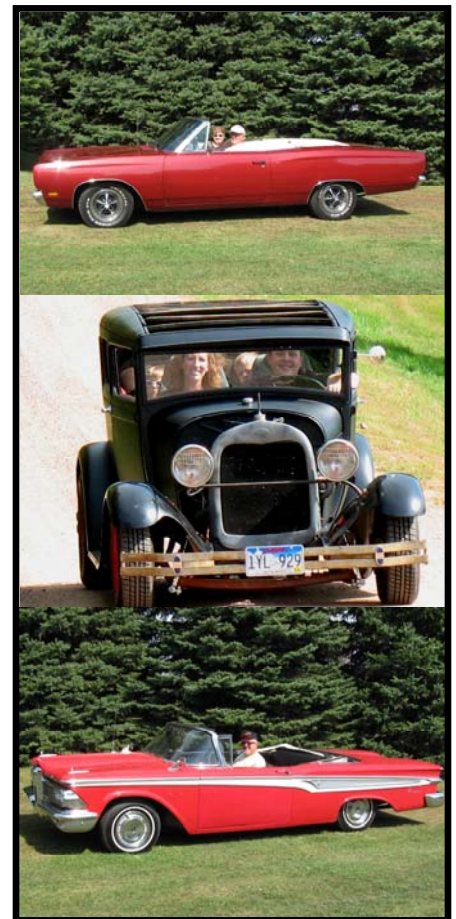
Photo Sharing

There are over 20 copies of a club digital photo disc being passed around for your private reference and usage. Many of the high resolution digital photo files are too large to email.

These high resolution photos are being digitally shared so members may have them printed as posters, framed, used as screensavers or however you wish. The main photos are our 40-plus-group shots. It also contains many individual shots of members in their hotrods and other group settings too large to email.

Thank you to so many for helping to acquire these photos.

If you want to see the photos, ask another member if you can borrow one of the discs.



Meet-N-Eat Schedule

Schedule posted on
GreatPlainsStreetRodders.com.

- Nov. 18** – Pizza Ranch E 10th
3809 E 10th St.
- Nov. 25** – Ming Wah's
119 W 10th St.
- Dec. 2** – Hemmer Bros.
230 S Phillips Ave.
- Dec. 4** – Christmas Party
- Dec. 9** – Rookies
2616 S. Louise Ave.
- Dec. 16** – China Star
- Dec. 23** – Meet-n-Eat T.B.A.
- 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 14th & Phillips
starting at 4:30 p.m.



Photos of Christmas Past



Classified Ads

(FREE to All Members)

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

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

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

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) \$25.00; 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 @ 605-360-8546 Sx. Falls.

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 -- 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, 605 366-1158

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

