

## *This Barn Find Needed A Lot of Work - And It Got It*

When Ike and Doreen Wiese first got their 1935 Chevy Standard two-door sedan in 1998, it was in need of a lot of work. Although it had set in a barn for about 30 years, even with that protection from the elements, time had not been good to this car. But that was about to change.

What it had to offer was a good frame, body, grill shell, front fenders and headlight nacelles. And most of the wood framing in the body was still strong. That was good enough for Ike.

He chopped the roof two inches and used the roof from a junk 1961 Chevy station wagon to give it a solid roof. "It worked pretty good because the ribs (on the '61 Chevy roof) are in the right place," he said.

The vent windows were removed to give it a solid window in the doors and he purchased fiberglass rear fenders to replace the beat-up originals. His son rebuilt a Chevy 350 for him to install, and he put 1985

Corvette aluminum heads on it. "It's got a tri-power I built myself," he added. "It has all the power I need," he said.

It also features a Mustang II front-end, eight-inch Ford rear-end, power windows, power seats, air conditioning, cruise control and an AM/FM CD stereo system.

Front seats from a 1992 Buick Regal and a rear seat from a 1975 Blazer were reupholstered by Marty's of Del Rapids for this car, and the rest of the interior was done by Jim Gonyo of Madison. The Viper Yellow Chevy was finished off with stainless steel bumpers from Rock Valley.



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Ike spent four years putting the car together. He has previously won many awards for two 1957 Chevys he had built in the past, but he called them "trailer queens," and said this one was built to drive.

"As soon as I got it running, I took it out to the Black Hills," he said. "It got me there and back. I can drive it anywhere.

"It's just enjoyable to drive."

### *The Most Members Attending*

The Great Plains Street Rodders won an award for "Best Club Participation" at the Vintiques, Watertown Rod Run last weekend.

We had 20 registered member cars at the rod run and barely outnumbered the more visible Hotrod Hoodlums from central Minnesota, who had 18 cars. There were many other clubs registering good member support numbers also.

The Hotrod Hoodlums are a great bunch of people with some cool cars, club apparel and other logo items. They all camped together at the park and rallied around a club logo'd banner.

The Great Plains Street Rodders do our best to support this quality rod run and continue to wish the Vintiques Car Club all the best. They do an awesome job coordinating and working at this show. The support from the City of Watertown and its retailers really welcome car enthusiasts for a fun weekend by the lake and downtown during the show. The Vintiques Rod Run had just over 350 registered cars for the three day event.

Club member, Sarah Stokes won the downtown merchant's walking poker

hand with a full-house. She received numerous items from the Watertown retailers. Congratulations Sarah!

I was proud to accept the "Best Club Participation" award on behalf of all the Great Plains Street Rodders. Susan and I are glad to have such good friends and be part of such a great group of people.

Thank you.

Clay Seachris, '08 GPSR President

### *Thanks Expressed*

Dear Street Rodders,

We don't have to tell you what a huge success our car show was on August 13.

We can't thank you enough for all your hard work. Without your hard work this would not be possible. Thanks again, our residents love you! See you next year!

Laura Kuehl

Marketing & Admissions

Coordinator

Bethany Meadows

Dear Fellow Great Plains

Streetrodders:

Rob and I would like to thank all of the members of the Great Plains Street Rodders for the thoughtful memorial donation. We appreciate all your thoughts and prayers for us on the passing of Rob's dad.

It is nice to know that we have joined a great club with such thoughtful and caring people in it.

A very heartfelt thanks to all, Rob Baatz and Amanda Mullinex

### *Visual Affect Gone Astray*

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup - dead. Fourth worm in good clean soil - alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What can you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine, who was setting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service.

### *More New Members*

The Great Plains Streetrodders continue to grow with the following automotive enthusiasts having joined the ranks.

Morris & Beth Fick, 1019 - 71st Street, Luverne, MN 56156; home phone: 507-182-8006 and cell phone: 507-227-9093; his birthday is 2/17 and her birthday is 1/12; their wedding anniversary is 12/1; email: www.bmfick@myclearwave.net; their cars are a 1957 Chevy Belair, 1969 Chevy Camaro, 1970 Chevy Chevelle and a 1967 Chevy Chevelle.

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