

It's a Nice Car To Drive

Buck and Virgene Schrader have had their 1946 Ford coupe about seven years, and would match it against any new car for it's ease to drive.

"I just like to drive it," Buck said. "I like to go places in it because it's such a nice driver – probably one of the best road cars I ever had."

But he also said, with a big smile, "I like to sit in the back seat with my wife."

They got the old Ford from Bob Briggs of Yankton, who had already turned it into a street rod. They saw it at the show Briggs organized in Yankton several times and really liked it, especially for it's pearl white paint. They convinced him to sell it to them.

Since then, they have put some of their own personal touches on it, such as adding a rear bumper and different style wheels. But for the most part they have kept it the same as when they got it.

While the car's color was the main thing that attracted them, Buck acknowledged that he also has a history with the 1946

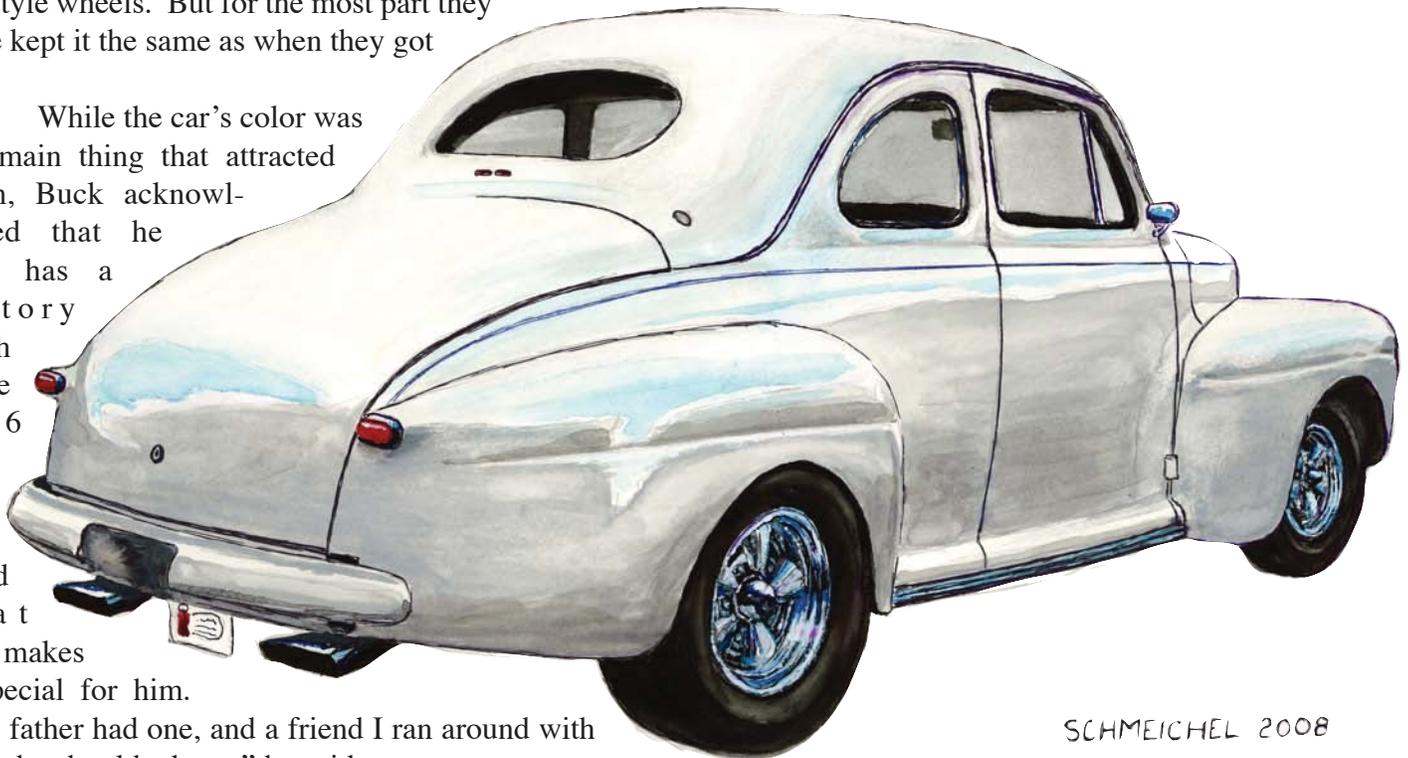
Ford that also makes it special for him.

"My father had one, and a friend I ran around with in high school had one," he said.

Ford had something good going on in 1946. While more Chevrolets were sold than Fords in the previous model year (which was 1942 due to World War II) and the year after, Ford was the sales leader in 1946.

But Buck's Ford is a cut above the ones he remembers as a youth. This one has a Chevy 350 V-8 in it, with

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much more power than the original 239.4 cubic-inch flathead. It also features an automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, remote control doors and a cassette tape stereo system.

But Buck remains modest about his Ford. "Nothing special about it, it's just a nice car," he said.

A Check Under The Hood

We have heard that Kevin Kappenman, Lana Kullander and Dwight Johnson have all recently had surgery but are now recuperating at home.

The Great Plains Streetrodders would like to wish each of them a speedy recovery. We hope to see you out and about very soon.

My Body As a Car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently, but my gas tank keeps growing larger.

But here's the worst of it -- Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Cruise to Spirit Lake

Eric & Pat Anderson have invited the Great Plains Streetrodders to their home in Spirit Lake on March 1, 2008.

We will be leaving at 11 a.m. March 1 from Shopko on East 10th and travel to Eric & Pat's home. From there we will meet up with some of the Black Knights Car Club members and tour three garages.

Pat is planning a tour of a glass blowing shop in Spencer, IA, where they will put on a demonstration for those of the group who are not interested in garages. After that and some shopping, the glass enthusiasts will return to Pat's home, where all will regroup for dinner at Pizza Ranch or the Gingham Inn Restaurant.

We hope that we can get a nice group together for this trip. This will be a fun time while showing support for two of our club members from out of town that support us in lot of a our outings.

If you're thinking of going to this event, please contact Kevin Kappenman at 605-310-4854. To save on the cost of gasoline, he has checked into renting a 15-passenger van, the cost of which would be \$10.60 for each person once the van is filled.

The Dues Are Due

If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to pay your dues for 2008. They are \$20 per couple, or \$10 if you are single.

You can give them to the club treasurer, LeAnne, or you can mail your check, payable to the Great Plains Street Rodders to LeAnne Phillips at 1372 Cleveland, Larchwood, IA 51241.

We would like to have all dues paid by the end of February. Thanks!

Sympathy goes out

It was with great shock that that the Great Plains Streetrodders learned that Deanna Ludwig passed away very unexpectedly on Jan. 28.

Randy and Deanna had returned the previous Thursday night from working at the Barrett-Jackson sale in Scottsdale. Deanna had shoulder surgery the next day. Then Randy took her in for therapy the following Monday - the doctor came out and said she must have developed a blood clot and passed away while in therapy.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, at Canton Lutheran Church. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are being referred by the family to the Siouxland Car Council.

The Great Plains Streetrodders extend sympathy to Randy and his family.



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