



# Newsletter

April 2009



## President's Message

"No travel advised in the city of Minot or any way outside of the city!" How often have you heard that statement this winter??? I'm getting pretty sick of the statement myself.

However, I will say that I normally like the sight of snow. I get to drive the big pay loaders around the base and around the missile sites! It's fun, but what is bad, is that you do it on a Monday, think you have it all done, then the next Monday, you start all over! Not good.

It seems that around this part of the country, it's all about the weather. It controls everything we do—including the way we dress, the car shows we go to, and --- well just everything.

With the Toppers show being postponed 'till May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (that's in Fargo), you know things are bad. Both interstates are closed down and ,well, that's the worst I've ever seen it.

Plans are coming together for the summer activities. Dave Smith has been working with different folks to make our summer Wednesday night runs really enjoyable and a bit different. You'll want to stay tuned for those events. Even the Spring Presidents Dinner Cruise is going to be different. We're going to leave Minot on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and cruise to the 'Interpretive Center' in Washburn. We'll have a pot luck there with dinner being served by our own chef's, Dave & Bill. Barb Moe, will be our hostess and she has arranged for the town of Washburn to get, "All Hands On Deck," for our arrival. Should be a great cruise south towards Bismarck—but only to Washburn! We might even invite other clubs in the area to join in!!! Barb Moe is the sister of the late Rick Marshall.

You won't want to miss the April meeting at the Vegas because we'll be giving away some nice 'stuff' as door prizes. Come on out if you haven't been to a meeting for a long time. We miss you!

Last meeting we announced that we've contracted with the 'Front Fenders' to perform at the Season Finale on Friday night, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It will be outside and should be a great time...!

Remember, Lifetime members must pre-register so we have an accurate head count.

The State Fair Car Show is in the planning stages. You asked for a different band this year and you've got it. It's the Devonshires, and they'll play 50's and 60's music for the evening. Should be great!!!

Anyway, stay tuned for more info and don't forget the web site: [www.dakotacruiser.com](http://www.dakotacruiser.com).

Your President,

*George*

## 'Cash for Clunkers' Withdrawn from Senate Stimulus Bill

Classic car enthusiasts and a number of industry associations, spoke loudly and helped eliminate a 'Cash for Clunkers' provision from both the Senate and House versions of the economic stimulus bill.

'Cash for Clunkers' programs accelerate the normal retirement of vehicles through the purchase of older cars which are typically crushed into blocks of scrap metal. As a consequence, the vehicle hobby loses potential collector cars and parts forever.

In addition, 'Cash for Clunkers' programs would hurt thousands of independent repair shops, auto restorers, customizers and their customers.



# Member Spotlight



## Hellooo Feehans!!!



Brianna, Janel, Alicia & Greg

Welcome Dakota Cruiser Honoree's of 2009. Yours is a special nomination because you represent young families sharing in a great hobby together.

And what's at the center of this family hobby? It's a '66 Ford F100 pickup Greg bought from his dad thirty-one years ago. It seems Greg's dad was on his way home from work one day when the hood flew up, breaking the windshield and denting the roof. Tired of dealing with the truck, he sold it to Greg for \$700—and so the story begins....

Born in Powers Lake, Greg moved to Montana and Alaska due to his dad's work. In 1974, they returned to North Dakota and Greg finished his school years in Minot.

At 16, his dad gave him his first car, a '66 Chrysler Newport. He didn't wreck his first car—his buddy did!

Then, high school auto body classes helped him snare his first job—working in the body shop at Fisher Motors.

A couple years later, he was young and looking for a new experience, so he headed out to the power plants working on the cooling towers.

Enough of that! His career path then took him to Scheafer Auto Body; Jim Ryan Chevrolet; and, finally back to Fishers where he's spent the next 11 years.

What do you do with all this auto body experience? Why, you open your own business! And, that's just what he did—4 years ago, when he opened, *Paintless Dent Repair Specialist*, in Minot.

But, let's not overlook Janel—a Minot born and bred beauty, she was introduced to Greg through his brother. They dated 6 years before Janel finally issued the ultimate ultimatum, (we all know what that means!).

Two daughters later, Janel has also worked as an Xray technician at Trinity Hospital for the past 17 years.

Okay, back to the '66 Ford pickup—after one frame-off restoration and two remodels, Greg's still on a sentimental journey with his F100.



Brianna and Alicia like to help dad with his restoration work.

When pressed for a story from his past, Greg 'fessed-up that, at 17, he'd once tried to out-run the heat. In the end, it was good ol' mom who bailed everyone out of the mess.



Show 'n Shine



Current project: a '96 Mustang Saleen convertible, bought three years go with only 20,000 miles on it.



Greg's perfect seat for 'mother-in-law', Mary, is a lawn chair in the back of his pickup in the State fair parade!



Parts and Equipment Distributor  
101 3rd St. SE - Minot, ND 58701

REAL Car Guys Know

ACDelco

Phone (701) 839-2886  
Toll Free (800) 255-7384  
Fax (701) 838-3765

*Dale's Auto Restoration*  
Street Rods, Customs, Muscle Cars, Classics

- Custom Paint
- Body Work
- Chop Tops
- Metal Fabrication



Dale & Pam Speckmann

229 S 22nd ST Bismarck, ND 58504  
Phone (701) 258-5336

420 41st. st. s.e. Minot, ND

1-701-838-2842

1-800-467-2842

Dakota Trackside  
HOTROD & SPEED SHOP

Tye Dammen Jason Greenwood Derek Fyllesvold





## Minutes of General Meeting

March 4, 2009  
Vegas Motel

**I. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President George Masters at 7:30 PM.

Board members present: George Masters, Jerry Black, Larry Haug, Dave Smith, Randy Hysjulien, Kurt Smith, Ray Webb, Jerry Lawson and Betty Trzpuc.

New members and guests were welcomed.

*Minutes of Last Meeting* - were approved as presented.

*Treasurer's Report* - was approved as presented.

**II. Committee Reports** - *Wild about Wheels* - George reported it was a good show with good Cruiser representation. Stan Orness won the 'People's Choice Award.' George and Jerry thanked all who helped out.

*North Dakota State Fair* - The Devonshires are scheduled for The Classic Car Show event.

*Motor Magic* - A meeting is planned for next Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Larry reported the SIDNE, (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience), Unit is available and secured for the event. The price is \$250 plus mileage, if it has to be delivered. Last year, the Safe Community Project paid for it and has been asked to help cover the cost this year.

*Season Finale XV* - Randy stated that 75 rooms have been reserved at the Vegas and they will comp one room to door prizes. He also stated, the board voted, tonight, to have the band, The Front Fenders, for entertainment Friday night. The cost is \$2,500.

*Christmas Party* - The party's scheduled for 12/5/09.

*Dinner and Movie* - Scheduled for January 16, 2010.

*Raffle Tickets* - The raffle tickets are done and we are asking every member to sell or buy at least one book.

*Special Presentation* - Go back to the last Dinner and Movie. The bus got stuck in the snow. Pat Galvin attempted to pull the bus out, but it was not to be. Then along came Chris Willoughby in his "miniature monster truck," which is an '83 Chevy pickup, and he pulled the bus out. Kurt Smith presented Chris with a Dakota Cruisers cap and sweatshirt for helping us out.

*Scholarship Program* - Program Director, Dick Sundhagen, was presented with the first scholarship application this year from Clinton Ellis. Dick stated applications have been sent to 40 different schools, which includes all the trade schools. The deadline is March 31st. Clinton states he will be attending Williston College in Auto Tech. George said we also give out scholarships for the second year of school.

**III. Old Business** - *NSRA Safety Inspections*. Six cars were inspected at Wild About Wheels. George had his car inspected and failed because there was no neutral safety switch in place. Jerry Black's car failed due to a carburetor gas leak, which he fixed at the show—then passed at re-inspection. Tracy Summers had a couple issues to be taken care of before re-inspection. There are 16 required items and 7 recommended items. If a

vehicle satisfies all 23 items, A "SAFETY 23" pin is also awarded. The check-list appears in this month's Newsletter. The team will try to do one inspection per month. Great job Kurt Smith, Dave Alberts and Tom Carson!

*Members Prayers* - Condolences to Jerry Lawson on the death of his mother, Babe. Gary Faris passed away from brain cancer; his wife, Joan, remains ill with brain cancer. Stan Saylor was hospitalized 3 days with breathing difficulty. Mike Enslin's been ill with stomach and back issues. Al Larson remains at Triumph Hospital in Mandan. Joanne reported some arm & leg movement and opening his eyes to voices.

*NDSRA* - George is the NC Director, if anyone is interested in joining. He will try to get some Williston people involved.

**IV. New Business** - *Rick Marshall's Cars* - A '52 and '54 Nash were donated by Rick's sister, Barb Moe. The Board decided to open them up for bids. We have one bid now. They are stored at NoKak Klassics. Proceeds will go to the Club.

*Club Windbreakers* - Marlen Bratvold presented a dark-gray, nylon windbreaker available as a custom order. They'll have the Dakota Cruiser logo with the 2009 Season Finale theme, "Still cruz'n after 16 years." Your name goes on the opposite side. The price is pending, but will be \$30 to \$40.

*Need Pictures* - Randy Hysjulien is requesting pictures of past car of the year honorees to make center pieces for the Season Finale. Pic's will be returned.

*President's Cruise* - George announced we'll cruise to Washburn this spring. Barb Moe, (Rick Marshall's sister), invited the Club there. We'll bring the grill and do a 'burger-burn' or make some other arrangements.

*Car Crazy* - Devils Run will be aired Sunday March 8th at 8:30 am, on the SPEED channel.

**V. Announcements** -

- Check Cruiser website for garage tours and shows.
- Phone calls made to Dave Bohn in Yuma, AZ and Ron Bohn in Texas, via speaker phone.
- Story by Tony Marsh.
- Kurt Smith stated he's working at Computer Hobbies in Berthold. They print enlarged pictures. He brought a couple to show along with pricing if anyone is interested.
- Diane Thompson is reading, 'The Last Hurrah,' by Mark Timbrook which tells about Minot in days of old. In 1921 Minot Auto Club was started with over a dozen auto dealers in town then.
- The meeting was sponsored by AC Delco and OK Automotive which donated a \$100 battery. The drawing was won by Diane Thompson.
- George stated you can join as a Lifetime member, subtracting the \$25 annual fee, through March 31st.

*Adjournment* - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

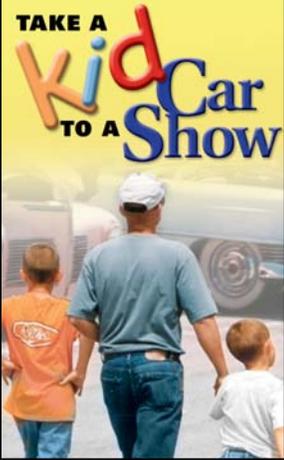
Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Trzpuc





# Bulletin Board



Life is full of choices for kids. You can help make the right ones by sharing your appreciation for cool cars.

There have been countless studies done to prove it, but virtually everyone knows that spending quality time with a kid is the greatest gift you can give them. And sharing your appreciation for collector cars is a great way to nurture their interest in a hobby that you can enjoy together for many years to come.

Kids can even start small with posters, toys and model kits. Soon you may discover them pouring over your old collection of car magazines. Then they are on their way, dreaming of their own future collector cars.

Hopefully, one day you will find yourself with an eager companion in your garage, soaking up your knowledge and years of experience in this exciting hobby. You may even find your own enthusiasm invigorated, as you watch the development of young, wide-eyed interest in the hobby you have enjoyed for years. Talk about an opportunity to bond with a kid, this may be your best chance! For while a youngsters music choices and video games may be alien to you, their interest in a Mustang, Cuda, Corvette, or Model A Ford can be right up your alley. And every time a youngster helps to apply a coat of wax, change a set of brake shoes, install a new tail lamp lens, or perform a simple tune-up, they will begin to experience a growing sense of pride and accomplishment.

Teaching a youngster to appreciate something as special as a collector car is a terrific way to communicate strong values of respect for all things, to help them understand the value of our history and our culture. And, they will quickly learn positive ways to express themselves, perhaps even with a special car or truck that matches their own personal style.

Who knows how far it might go? Your youngster may grow up to be a talented restorer, racecar driver, or even an executive in the performance automotive industry. (Did you know that SEMA offers scholarships to deserving young people who have indicated an interest in a future career in the automotive field?)

Get more information on this, and many other SEMA programs, by visiting their website:

<http://www.sema.org>.



## State Legislators Who Support The Hobby

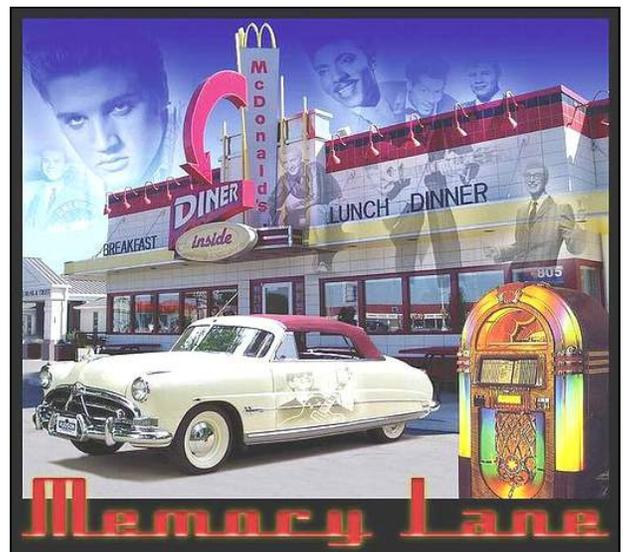
State legislators around the country with a common goal, to support the motor vehicle hobby, have joined the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus. The Caucus is the bi-partisan group of state lawmakers whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles. The Caucus will help raise the motor vehicle hobby's profile in the state legislatures and in the eyes of the public.

Working in state capitals, many of these legislators have sought to preserve and protect the hobby by seeking the amendment of existing motor vehicle statutes and creating new programs to safeguard and expand the hobby. Over the past several years, their work has brought a series of significant legislative accomplishments for the vehicle enthusiast community on issues ranging from equipment standards to registration classifications, and from emissions test exemptions to hobbyist rights.

By joining the Caucus, these legislators have demonstrated their commitment to upholding the rights of vehicle enthusiasts. In addition, hobbyists will be able to quickly identify which state legislators have chosen to be recognized for their support of this great American hobby.

### North Dakota Caucus Members include:

- Senator Dick Dever
- Senator Tom Fischer
- Senator Judy Lee
- Representative Chuck Damschen
- Representative Jerry Kelsh
- Representative David Monson
- Representative Darrell Nottestad
- Representative Robin Weisz
- Representative Alon Wieland





14 Glacial Court  
Minot, ND 58703-1221



Next Meeting Wed. April 1st  
7:30 p.m. the Vegas

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
MINOT ND  
PERMIT NO. 558

**DAKOTA CRUISER DIRECTORY**

**OFFICERS:**

**PRESIDENT**

GEORGE MASTERS 852-5010  
gem@min.midco.net

**VICE PRESIDENT**

JERRY BLACK 838-8318  
jlblack@min.midco.net

**SECRETARY**

BETTY TRZPUC 839-6297  
bettytrzpuc@hotmail.com

**TREASURER**

JERRY LAWSON 838-2426  
jlawson@srt.com

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

MARLAN ST. CROIX 340-6833  
marlansmail@yahoo.com

**CLUB LINE**

(701) 852-KARS

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

LARRY HAUG 838-2004  
ldhaug@min.midco.net

RANDY HYSJULEN 838-2638  
hysh@srt.com

DAVE SMITH 833-4282  
nonatol1@hotmail.com

KURT SMITH 839-4479  
kdsmith@srt.com

RAY WEBB 839-3929  
rwebb@min.midco.net

**WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR**

SHERIE SALTVEIT  
sherie.saltveit@minotstateu.edu

**WEBSITE ADDRESS**

www.dakotacruiser.com