



Newsletter

March 2009



President's Message

"2009—THE YEAR OF SAFETY"

As I write this, it's about 10 below zero, and the Wild About Wheels car show is under way. Despite the cold temperatures and having vehicles snowed-in or garage doors that are iced over, there are well over 100 vehicles at this show. The attendance is up and people just love coming out to see the cars and trucks! I hope you had a chance to view some of these beauties.

We had a good write up in the Minot Daily News on Friday the 27th of February. It talked about the Year of Safety, the new officers and the inspection program we're involved in. I had my car inspected and, can you believe—it didn't pass! I didn't have a 'neutral safety switch' in place and, therefore, the car would start in any gear. That is definitely not safe, and I'm going to get it corrected. I have till June 1st 2009 to request the new safety inspection with that item being corrected. You can bet that will be done. Thanks Tom, Kurt and Dave for being so willing to do this for our safety!

As of this writing, Al Larson still hasn't responded to much. He remains in a coma and only reacts a bit to his name being called and certain reflex advancements. Al, you're still in all of our prayers and we think of you and Joanne every day of the week. Get better soon, I need you for the Sunday continental breakfast at the Finale in September....

The State Fair Car Show and Oldies Concert is on target with the entertainment being the musical group—"The Devonshires". They will play a variety of music that will fit the evening. I hope it will be a beautiful night with a beautiful turn out and lots of fun for all of us to enjoy.

I want to say that many of you have re-joined the Cruisers because of a number of things: First one, I think we have just a great bunch of friends and the fellowship is tremendous. Second, the Newsletter—it

is the glue that keeps us all together when you can't get involved with everything that goes on. I know many go away for the winter, however, the Newsletter keeps all of you "in tune" with what's going on. It works and Marlan does a fantastic job. I like seeing the interviews of the different members--I get to know you all better. Please keep up the good work, Marlan. Even when Marlan is on the road, which she has been a lot this winter, she still keeps it going and on time for us!!! Thanks.

Well, all for now. This has to get to the printer and I don't want to be the one to hold it up!

Your President,

George



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*with their latest project,
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Member Spotlight



Nothing beats a great love story! Especially the kind where they really do live "happily ever after."

Meet the Webbs — Ray and Rita. They're the epitome of every rock 'n roll love song t'was ever sung!



Ray and Rita both hail from the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. He was a senior and she was a freshman—but, sadly, they went to different schools. However, Rita's dad would buy gas at the station where Ray worked, so she would see him every time daddy stopped for gas! *Fast forward to 1960*—Ray had just finished Air Force basic training so they decided to get married rather than be apart. Rita was 16 and Ray was 20. *Fast forward to March 2009*—and, on the 23rd, they will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary! (sigh—I adore a love story!)

Growing up, Ray lived on a farm with his 2 sisters (one is his twin) and a brother. Like most farm boys, he started driving at the age of 12. He worked for a farmer in order to earn enough money to buy his first car—a '49 Chevy. Three years later, he moved up to a '53 Ford—which became his honeymoon car.

When asked to recall a memorable occasion with his car, Ray didn't hesitate. Before he met Rita, he was heading out to pick up his date but discovered that his 15 year old brother had taken his car by rolling it down the driveway and jump-starting it. "We lived in a little hick town where everyone knew each other," said Ray. "So, I called the local Sheriff and reported it stolen." Sure enough, Ray's dad got a call that they'd found the car and were holding his brother at the jail. "What do you want us to do with him?" the Sheriff asked. "Keep him all night!" replied Ray's dad. Ray reports he and his brother are best of friends today!

Ray's Air Force career spanned 31 years, taking him to Europe, England, the far East and a number of bases in the U.S. He served 3 tours of duty in Viet Nam and two tours at Minot AFB—in 1975 and 1986. The second tour to Minot came only after he refused orders to California, insisting he be able to return to Minot.

While Ray was busy with military matters, Rita was busy raising their two sons, Mike and Roger. Rita also worked on base for many years, then worked at the Elks Club for over 6 years before they closed. She's been employed at the International Inn, in accounting department, for the past 15 years.

After a distinguished military career, Ray retired in 1991, making Minot his permanent home. He's now the Maintenance Director for the YMCA.



Ray and Rita's '51 Ford Sedan is one of the three Dakota Cruiser Honorees for 2009.

Ray and Rita have been Dakota Cruisers for 3 years. A big Cruiser 'Thanks' to their dear friend Ron Penfold for recruiting such great new members!



After all these years, their favorite pastime is still spending time together. Besides attending Cruiser functions, they enjoy their 3 grandchildren, Casy, Ethan and Evan and love weekends at the lake where they fish and relax.

Say, "Hi" to Ray and Rita the next time you're at a Cruiser function—they're both regular attendees—they're always wearing a smile and sitting snuggled-up to one another.



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Minutes of General Meeting

February 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

Minutes of last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. George stated the club has \$23,833.08 in CD's.

Special Presentation - Barb Moe, Rick Marshall's sister from Washburn, was present and thanked the club for being such good friends to Rick. In memory of Rick she donated two old cars, his watch and a framed picture to the club. Rick's Dakota Cruisers jacket will also be displayed with the clothes for sale.

II. Committee Reports - *Wild about Wheels* - Fri. Feb. 27th is move-in day. The show is Feb. 28th and Mar. 1st. Please sign up to work a 2 hour shift. Free admission to people working the show. Fri. lunch will be provided. Dave Smith will get sodas move-in day and for people working the booth. Scott will give \$50.00 for any car displayed at the show that has not been there before.

North Dakota State Fair - The Devonshires have been contracted to play for The Classic Car Show.

Motor Magic - Discussion if we should have SIDNE at the event. Larry Haug explained it's labor intensive, but we have people already trained. We'll need more people to work. Last year it cost \$350, which was covered by the Mayor Safety Council. Several people volunteered to work. Larry will check into availability and cost and report back at the next meeting.

Kurt Smith stated the posters are being worked on.

Season Finale - Stacy, at the Vegas, discovered the wrong weekend was booked. The correct weekend of Sept. 18, 19 & 20, the ballroom is booked for Sat. night, so, it will be the same as last year with Sat. night events in the pool area. Randy Hysjulien announced the next committee meeting will be next Wed. at 7:00PM at Hardee's and they're checking into entertainment. George stated Al and Joanne Larson are in charge of the Sunday breakfast, so that may have to be changed.

Christmas Party- Is scheduled for December 5, 2009.

Raffle Tickets- George got the permit number. Tickets are on order to be printed. All sponsors are on board again this year.

III. Old Business - *Dinner & A Movie* - Great job was done by Dave Alberts! Dave said Terry felt bad about issues with the DVD player. They'll have a new system next year. The bus got stuck for about an hour. Pat Galvin was going to pull it out with a loader but Chris

Willoughby came by in his 4-wheel drive pick-up and saved the bus from the snow! George asked Kurt Smith to give him a sweatshirt or T-shirt for helping.

Thank you cards - George announced that we received a thank you card from PATH/AASK and a letter from William Metcalf, CEO of PATH.

IV. New Business - *Christmas Donation* - The Board decided \$1,000 would be given out. Interested organizations can apply with a written letter to the board by the October meeting and then it will be decided on.

NSRA Safety Inspection - Team leaders are Tom Carson, Kurt Smith and Dave Alberts. Everyone is encouraged to have their car inspected. Tom asked about having space at Wild about Wheels. Inspection criteria is on the website NSRA-USA.com. A list of the items to be checked will be in the next newsletter.

NDSRA Sponsored Event - Season Finale is a sponsored event so we'll receive \$350 to use for prizes for NDSRA members. George has applications to join.

Members who need our prayers - Al Larson fell off his roof last Friday sustaining a head injury. He's unresponsive and was flown to St. Joseph's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. Go to: caringbridges.org/visit/allarson for updates that Joanne will provide. You may also send a message on this website. Stacey Law was returned early from overseas to have surgery. Her husband states she is doing well. Bob Olson is fighting pancreatic cancer. Mike Enslin was having chest and abdominal pain and has been hospitalized. Colin St. Croix had a stent replacement done in Philadelphia and now is back on his road trip. Byron Bertsch is doing better. Gary Schaefer had cataract surgery today. He also has shoulder surgery and another cataract surgery scheduled.

V. Announcements - *Telephone Calls* - Calls were made via speaker phone to Colin St Croix and Bill Schriock who are traveling out of state.

W. *Gene Winfield* - Stan Saylor announced he'll be holding two 2-day clinics, May 6 an 7; May 8 an 9 featuring Gene Winfield. The cost is \$300 and you'll learn how to chop and build a car the old way.

My Classic Car Show - Devil's Run, featuring Dennis Gage, will be airing the week of March 8th.

NDSRA - The annual meeting, garage tours and Christmas Party were held. George was voted the new North Central Director. Congratulations George!!!!

Drawings - The framed picture donated by Barb Moe in memory of Rick was won by Dick Sundhagen. The \$100 gift certificate from 'Minnesota Hotrod Hardware' plus their catalog was won by Warren Hoppman. A new season T-shirt was won by Linda Scott.

Jerry Lawson has membership cards.

NSRA book- Put your name down if you want to be a helper for this area. If your car breaks down when you are traveling call people in this book to help you out.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Trzpuc





Bulletin Board



NSRA's Vehicle Safety Inspection Program is FREE!

The specialty vehicles NSRA members own are built to be driven on the streets and highways. They are used to transport people, often to far off locales for recreational enjoyment. The National Street Rod Association® is dedicated to vehicle safety and backs it up with a program that gives every owner the opportunity to have his/her vehicle safety inspected for free as often as they want with a strong emphasis on having it done at least once each year.

The NSRA Vehicle Safety Inspection Program is completely voluntary, and includes 23 different items ranging from the lighting system to suspension (see list that follows), and the sole purpose of the safety inspection is to advise the vehicle owner of problem areas, either real or potential. As an "advisory" type inspection, it is only used to call the owner's attention to something which may have been overlooked. The inspection is not mandatory and has no effect on entering or taking part in NSRA events.

Even though this program is totally voluntary, the number of vehicles inspected grows every year. While more and more specialty vehicle owners recognize the benefits of having their vehicles safety inspected every year, there is one group of them that is even more keenly aware of the program's value; the guys and gals that make up the all volunteer NSRA Safety Inspection Teams.

Vehicle Safety Inspection Requirements

Required Equipment:

1. Horn: Electric only.
2. Speed Indicator: Speedometer or calibrated tachometer at 65 mph.
3. Rear View Mirror: One inside or outside on driver's side of vehicle.
4. Glass: Must be safety plate, lexon, or tempered glass.
5. Lighting: Hi-beam; low-beam; tail; brake; license.
6. Windshield Wiper: Electric or vacuum operated.
7. Automatic Transmission Lockout: Neutral and/or park start only.
8. Tires: 3/32 tread acceptable. Must meet D.O.T. specifications.
9. Steering No excessive "play" (2" radius max.) or binding; system must be safely mounted.
10. Throttle Linkage: Must not travel past center.
11. Fuel System: Check Vent on Trunk and Interior Mounted Tanks; no clear, plastic lines allowed. No leaks.
12. Exhaust System: No Leaks: Must pass rear edge of front door and exit exhaust away from vehicle.
13. Self-aligning Rod End Bearings: Check for fractures, insert sloppiness or binding.
14. Shock Absorbers: One per wheel, no leaks, 2" travel in each direction.

15. Brakes: Four-wheel brakes, no leaks, check brake pedal travel, no copper tubing, check length of flexible lines.
16. Scrub Line: No steering, suspension or chassis components should be below this line.

Recommended Equipment: May Be Reason for Failure

1. Windshield: Should be AS-1.
2. Shift Pattern: Shift pattern should be visible except on three speed standard column shift.
3. Fuel Lines: Should be safely mounted and routed.
4. Parking Brake: Should be activated independent of vehicle's hydraulic system.
5. Self-aligning Rod End Bearings: Ball should have 1/8 inch spacer on each side of the ball if there is any misalignment. Rod ends should not have more than 10° misalignment. ROD ENDS and 4 BAR-PARALLEL RADIUS ROD SYSTEM rubber bushed ends should have a safety washer at least the same outside diameter as housing or larger.
6. Brake Lines: Should be safely mounted and routed.
7. Chassis Fasteners: Self-locking nuts, lockwashers, safety wire, or cotter pins.

For Your Safety

1. Safety Equipment: Fire extinguisher in driver/passenger compartment, seat belts, a third brake light and a dual master cylinder.

IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS, CONTACT A DAKOTA CRUISER SAFETY INSPECTOR: TOM CARSON, KURT SMITH OR DAVE ALBERTS.

Did you know, Cruiser Gift Certificates can be redeemed for shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, membership dues, Club functions—such as Season Finale, Cruiser Christmas Party, and more. See Marlen or Jason at the clothing table for details. Or, contact Marlan St. Croix (phone number and email address on the back of this Newsletter). GIVE ONE TODAY!!!



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