



Newsletter

September 2009

President's Message



Well, as I sit here writing this message, I can only imagine how busy we're all going to be with the up-coming events regarding Motor Magic and the Season Finale. The Board members in charge of these events seem to be well on top of things. However, it's still not too late

to volunteer at a table for an hour or two - with the Cruisers at Motor Magic, or with some part of the Finale. **REMEMBER**, Lifetime Members *must* pre-register for the Finale in order to receive a meal.

Motor Magic is going to be very exciting this year, for me especially. Since the auction is 'my thing' at this event, I think you'll be pleased to see the quality of the cars at this year's auction. Check it out at: www.masterrestorations.com. The Classic Car Show will be equally as nice, as in the past. I keep telling people that we have one of the nicest car shows in the upper Midwest—and I believe that! This year, the center stage focuses on "Classics of the Fifties." The middle room will have nothing but 50's classics in it and that will be a tremendous site to see. Also, this is the 50th anniversary year for "El Caminos" and member Tom Donaldson is getting a nice banner made for that display. The committee Chair has agreed to have a 'wall' dedicated to this genre of automobiles - 1959 to 2009. That should be neat. We have some vendors, too, this year that will be selling their wares.

Racing is also on the agenda for Motor Magic. Circle Track, Drag Strip, Auto-cross, and more. All-in-all, this will be a great weekend for Minot and the auto enthusiasts in this region.

I've been honored to be selected as one of 12 car owners nationwide to have their vehicle featured in the 40th Anniversary calendar for CARDONE remanufactured car parts company, based in Philadelphia, PA. If you recall, Bill Snellings brought application forms to one of the Dakota Cruiser meetings and made them

available to all members. I simply filled out the application and submitted it with three photos, as requested. I believe I did everything on line. I'm sure they'll be sending us some calendars. Stay tuned!

Anyway, lots going on. I'll be selecting a really nice place, about an hour away, for this year's "Fall President's Dinner Cruise" in late September or early October. Let's hope for nice weather.

New Town has invited us out to the Casino for a car show on the 12th of Sept. There's obviously going to be a lot of FREEBIES at the Casino. I'll be working with the promoter to take care of everything. With a new guy in that seat, newer and better things can happen at the Four Bears Casino! Stay tuned for that, too.

Well, hold on to your hats for a great September, and remember to thank the Newsletter Editor, Marlan St. Croix, for doing such a wonderful job on this Newsletter. It wouldn't be much without her efforts. Thanks, Marlan!!!

Cheers!

George

Hats off to George!

George's '56 Chevy convertible has been selected to appear in the 40th Anniversary calendar for CARDONE remanufactured car parts company.

This picture, taken at the official photo shoot by CARDONE's photographer, used the Minot Air Museum for a backdrop.

Great job George!



Member Spotlight



Ken & Jen Moe are Minot natives who've known each other since she was 3 and he was 5. Like other neighborhood kids, they'd hang-out at the only house on the block with a TV.



Sadly, Ken moved away when he was in the 2nd grade, leaving Jen to watch TV and eat mayo sandwiches with the other kids. Then, as fate would have it, when she was 11 and he was 13, his family moved into the house right across the street. Two weeks later he gave her a ring made of dimes and quarters—which she wrapped with yarn so it would stay on her finger.

Jen said they went 'steady' for 9 years—breaking up "at least 52 times." She loved to ride on his handle bars and hang-out in the storm sewers with him and the other kids. She was 14 when he first held her hand and 15 when they first kissed. **sigh**

When asked about a memorable driving experience, Ken said at age 12, he was in Butte, ND, with his dad. Turns out dad got "drunk," so Ken had to drive their '48 Plymouth home. A highway patrolman stopped him and said, "I've been following you for awhile." When Ken explained he was trying to get his dad home to Minot, the officer said, "Well son, you're doing a good job." With that, he let Ken drive away.

Jen grew up around cars. Her dad was a master machinist and in the early 60's, he built a sprint car. Jen loved hanging out in the 'pits' where the cars were being worked on. Today, she knows all the right questions to ask when she takes her car for repair.

After high school, Ken worked for awhile but knew the Viet Nam draft was near. So, at 20, he joined the Navy and became a Seabee, where he learned "every facet of steel working." Before long, he was headed to Viet Nam for the first of 3 tours of duty there.



One day Ken called to say he was back in the U.S. for a short time and asked Jen to join him. Even though she was attending Minot Business College, she dropped everything and headed to California. They spent six days together before he shipped out again. This time, she went home with a 'promise ring'—and it fit just fine without the yarn.

Ken came marching home for good on Jan. 31, 1969. They bought a new house on Feb. 28th, were engaged on Valentine's Day and married on April 8th—which was the first night of the big flood, (and, yes, their new house got flooded). Not to worry, these two had weathered storms together before!



Ken sent Jen money from Viet Nam so they could save for a house, but they had to put his bamboo yellow, '56 Chevy convertible up for collateral until closing.

On Jan. 18, 2002, after working a night shift, Ken unknowingly drove his car into Minot's deadly anhydrous cloud. He retired in '02, after 34 years with the Post Office. Jen spent 27 years with Minot public schools. Together they raised two beautiful daughters, Sheri and Tami—both are unmarried and live in Minneapolis.

Today, Ken is in his third year of stage 4 cancer. Jen says, "Although he has his good days and his bad, things are looking good." Together, they face Ken's illness with the same dogged determination they have with all the other challenges life's handed them.

Both say, being members of the Cruisers is an important part of their lives. Thinking he was dying 7 years ago, Ken said he bought Jen a Lifetime Cruiser membership—wanting her to have the support of Club members when he's gone. They agree, "Being part of the Club gives us something positive to think about."

Jen said, "Getting my '49 Dodge was the first happy thing I've done after years of caring for Ken during his illness—it gives me something else to do."



Besides their 4 dogs, Ken loves his '28 Dodge coupe and Jen loves her '49 Dodge sedan

Your fellow Cruisers love you both!

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FOR SALE: '57-'63 Mopar big block 318. Rare 4 barrel manifold. Does run but needs rebuilding. Would like to find a good home for it. Call Tracy (701) 833-1552 or (701) 833-8719.

FOR SALE: '75 Nova, new 6 cylinder motor. Runs. \$800. 4 Hurricane II rims w/tires. 4 Turbo rims w/tires. Cleaned-up! Best offer. Call Vern at (701) 720-8408.

FOR SALE: Front and rear bumper for a '57 Chevy. 3 piece chrome for hood and front fenders. Everything in good shape. Call Lenny at (701) 340-7277.

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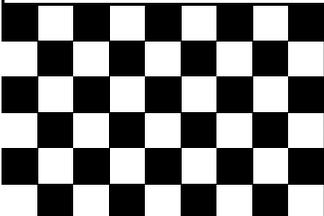


Calendar of Events - September 2009

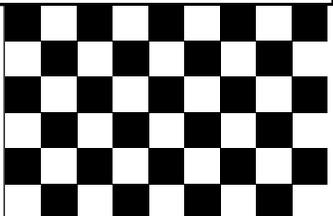
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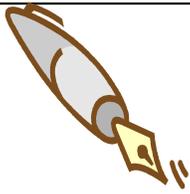
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| September 2 | Meeting at the Vegas - 7:30 p.m. |
| September 4 | Noon Luncheon - Call the Hotline 852-KARS |
| Sept. 4-6 | GoodGuys 8th Mid-Western Nationals, Kansas City, KS |
| Sept. 4-7 | Motor Magic Labor Day Weekend, Minot, ND. ND State Fairgrounds |
| September 5 | Prairie Rose Car Club's 22nd Annual Car Show in Hazen, ND. 10 a.m. on Main Street. Paying-out 90% of the entries to 1st and 2nd place in each category. Parade at 4 p.m. BBQ and band that evening at the All Seasons Arena - 32 Below will be playing. The Box Bar will also be hosting a motorcycle show that morning. Call Les 748-2709, Mel 748-6296 or Mark 748-6623. |
| September 5 | United Tribes Parade (PAC) to Haul Queens - Capital Grounds, Bismarck, ND. Contact Larry at (701) 663-6197. |
| September 6 | Motor Magic Classic Car Auction—ND State Fairgrounds—12:01 p.m. |
| September 7 | Labor Day |
| September 9 | Noon Luncheon - Call the Hotline 852-KARS |
| Sept. 11-13 | 30th Annual Vintiques Rod Run and Campout. Codington County Memorial Park, Watertown, ND. Call (605) 882-2952 or (605) 886-8585. |
| September 12 | Downtown Fall Festival, Minot, ND |
| Sept. 12-13 | 2 Big Car Shows, Mobridge, SD—Wheels Unlimited Car Club & Grand River Casino & Resort. Call (605) 845-7715 or lou@wistrive.com. |
| September 16 | Wednesday night cruise TBA |
| Sept. 18-20 | Dakota Cruisers Season Finale XV (NDSRA Pick Event). Call George at (701) 240-6771, \$350 worth of prizes for NDSRA members. |
| September 19 | West Fest—Valley Vintage Car Show at Veteran's Memorial Arena, Fargo, ND. |
| September 19 | Rosh Hashanah |
| September 23 | Wednesday night cruise—TBA |
| Sept. 25-27 | Outkasts Cruize In and Car Show, Mitchell, SD. |
| September 26 | 3rd Annual Fall Foliage Fun Run from Bismarck to ??? - Call (701) 319-0153 |
| September 26 | Annual Pumpkin Fest—9th Annual Car Show, Lake Park, MN—Open house at Curt's Rod & Custom. Call (218) 238-5581 or curt@curtsrodandcustom.com. |
| September 27 | MSRA Toy Run, Winnipeg, MB. Call (204) 224-4664 or hotrodliz@yahoo.com. |
| September 28 | Yom Kippur |
| September 30 | Wednesday night cruise—TBA |

**SEND UP-COMING EVENTS & DATES TO SHERIE FOR THE CALENDAR
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Show Stopper
Stan and Sharon Orness won first place in their class at this year's Medora Car Show with their beautiful '57 Ford Convertible.





Minutes of General Meeting

August 5, 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, Dave Smith, Randy Hysjulien, Ray Webb, Jerry Lawson & Betty Trzruc. Kurt Smith and Larry Haug were excused.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented.

II. Committee Reports:

North Dakota State Fair - (Dave Smith & Betty Trzruc).

The Devonshires were good, especially the 1st set which was 60's music. Some thought the 2nd set of 70's music was too modern. Next year it will be concrete in front of the grandstand so we won't have to deal with the mud if it rains. Dave Smith reported the Fair employees were slow to get the stands out. Dick Sundhagen suggested that we should not have to pay for a gate pass just to go to the concert if you're not going out on the midway. George will approach the Fair board regarding this.

Motor Magic - (Larry Haug & Kurt Smith).

Jerry Black reported the last meeting was Aug. 4th. He stated there will be racing with the north bleachers available. Concessions will be located in the Flickertail Gardens. The midway will be used as the pit for the remaining season. The next meeting is in October. Admission's free if entering a car. The theme is the Fabulous 50's for the main room. El Caminos will have a separate wall. Cars can be parked Sept. 4th after 10 a.m. and need to be removed Sept. 6th at 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon is the car auction, which has over 90 cars consigned as of now. Please sign up for a 2 hour block to work the booth. The SIDNE go cart will be available. Need trained and non-trained people to help out. Aug. 28th there will be a live radio remote from the old Piggly Wiggly to promote Motor Magic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be broadcast on ZOO and 102 FM. Lunch will be available for \$5 during this promotion. Motor Magic will also be featured on the noon show on KXMC, and KMOT TV stations.

Season Finale - (Randy Hysjulien & Ray Webb).

Randy stated you can bring your donations from businesses anytime—give to Ray or Randy. There will be a meeting next week following the cruise. The Front Fenders band has been confirmed. Lifetime members need to fill out a registration for this event.

Christmas Party - Jerry Lawson & Ray Webb
Scheduled for December, the Grand International Inn.

III. Old Business

Raffle Tickets - Each member is asked to buy or sell at least one book.

Safety Inspections - Dave Alberts reported 3 or 4 in July. Leon Turner's vehicle will be inspected tonight.

Bids for Rick Marshall's Cars - Tonight is last-call for bids on the 2 Nash cars. The current bid is \$100 for both vehicles from Nodak Klassics. No other offers were made so bidding was closed.

Newsletter - Submit your ballot if you wish to receive the Newsletter in the mail. A few members said they didn't receive July's Newsletter. George stated he'd check into this as he sends the addresses to the printers monthly. George reminded members that the Newsletter is available on the Internet at: www.DakotaCruiser.com.

Memorial at Website - If you have any information on deceased members, please submit it to Ray Webb.

Scholarships - An article on the 4 scholarship recipients will be posted on our website.

IV. New Business:

"At The Hop" - Aug. 6th at Oak Park. We are contracted to have our cars there for this event featuring the Treblemakers. Please cruise your cars to the park between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Drawings - Motor Magic was the sponsor for this meeting. Drawings were held, 7 hats and 4 shirts were given away.

V. Announcements:

- Show & Shine Car Show: August 14th at MAFB.
- Steak Fry: Aug. 26th—Velva Golf Course. \$10 per person. A Board meeting will follow.
- Cruise to Sawyer Café: Sept. 9th—Pitchfork Fondue—\$16.00.
- 4 Bears Casino: Sept. 12th—Car Show in Newtown. Also Minot's downtown car show.
- Thank You: Marlen & Jason Bratvold for taking care of the clothing sales. Thanks to Marlan St. Croix for being our Newsletter Editor.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

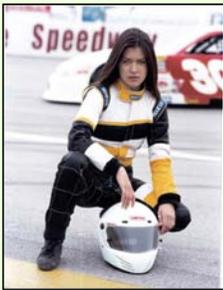
Respectfully submitted,

Betty Trzruc





Bulletin Board



Leilani Münter

"Life is short. Race hard. Live Green."

The number one spectator sport in America is about to see something different—a biology major turned race car driver.

Leilani Münter, who's both a stock-car and open-wheel driver, has made it her mission to "green" the most enthusiastic fan base on the planet.

This Minnesota native, (who now lives in North Carolina), is looking to use the popularity of NASCAR to teach fans about global warming. An avid environmentalist, before every contest, she buys an acre of rain forest (\$100 from the World Land Trust), to compensate for every 22 gallons of fuel she uses per race. She's climbed a 252 ft. windmill to push for alternative energies; sat with Senators to discuss alternative fuels and clean energy; and, is an Ambassador for the National Wildlife Federation.



Named by Sports Illustrated as one of the top 10 female race car drivers in the world, her edict is this:

Imagine a race car sending a powerful message; calling to action millions of race fans – inspiring them to make a difference.

Imagine 75 million NASCAR fans recycling their cans.

Imagine 40 million Indy-car fans using energy efficient light bulbs.

Imagine 100 million race fans using canvas grocery bags—no more paper, no more plastic.

Small changes multiplied by millions make a big difference.

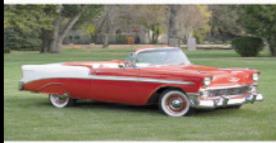


Leilani's on a mission to green her sport and she won't stop until every race car is using clean renewable biofuels; until every race track has a recycling program; until every racing tire is recycled; and for those of you who think it can't be done, she says, 'You should never underestimate a vegetarian hippie chick with a race car.'

People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do—changing the world one race at a time!



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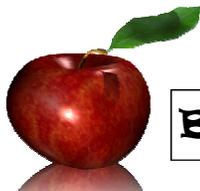
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