

NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2013



Well, for the weather---enough is enough, wouldn't you say??!! This warm Spring that will be coming shortly will surely be welcomed! As I've stated, I'm ready---just as are you!!

I wanted to say a big "Congratulations to Colin and Marlan St Croix with their 1932 Ford roadster called "Blackie"! They took top honors at the Lake Havasu car show last month in Arizona. I saw a picture of them collecting the trophy and sure enough---Colin was wearing his "Dakota Cruiser" t-shirt! Good for you and again congratulations!! I know our shirts and hats are represented all over the country!

The club house is coming along really well. The carpet is all installed upstairs, thus leaving the room downstairs all cleaned up and ready for the next step. That step will be to finish the display cabinet area, installing the big screen TV and then building the soda fountain and then setting up the chairs, tables and the sofa's. Should be fun this summer and I can't wait!

The club project—Next Generation II is coming along. It's the 55 Nomad and the kids so far, have dismantled the car (it is only on the chassis with two bolts) and sorted some of the parts for either restoration, cleaning or blasting in the bead cabinet or painting. Don Ladner will be doing the body work and painting this car. He has already started the body work on the front fenders, two doors, and the hood. It will be the original Gypsy red and India Ivory, have wide white wall tires and stock hub caps and rims.

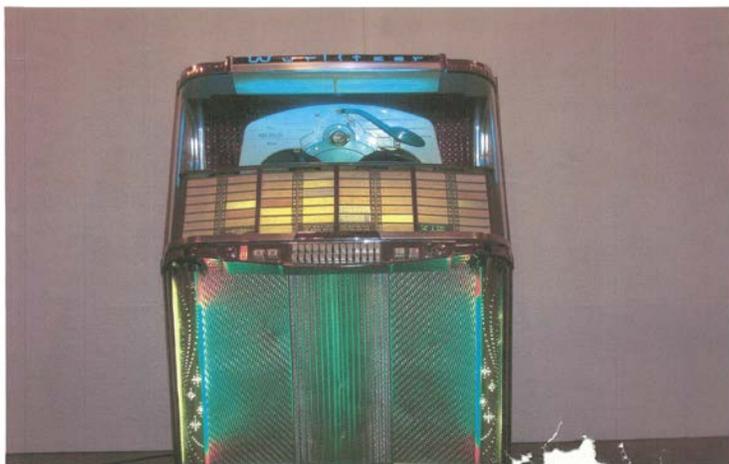
The Wild About Wheels car show will be in a few weeks (April 12 is the move in, and the show is the 13th and 14th) It should be a nice show. The snow will be all gone and the weather should be beautiful! (that's my prediction anyway!!!) This show is open to anybody with a collector car and each entry receives two tickets for entry. We are also asking some of you to volunteer to help at the club table to help sell the raffle tickets, club shirts, and the Season Finale shirts that are available. Please see a Board member to sign up for a one or two hour time slot.

A special "Hello" to the folks in the club that are South, West or East for the winter months. We look forward to having you back in Minot for the summer activities!

Well, it's bed time and I wanted to get this off for printing. Sleep tight, and we'll be seeing you all soon!!

George

CLASSIFIEDS



1956 Wurlitzer Centennial model 1900
Good working condition-lights and coin box work
Technician serviced in Seattle. This juke box has been in
The family for decades and has been well cared for.
Located in Burlington. Asking \$4,500 -OBO
Jeramine James 839-0738

For Sale: 2005 Dodge Dakota Club Cab. Loaded, only 62000 miles, nice shape. 4 wheel drive, V8. Book is \$13,000.00 asking \$11,000.00 Call Dave Alberts 838-4309 or see me on Wed. night.

WANTED: Cheerful Dakota Cruiser Volunteers to work a 2 hour slot at Wild About Wheels on April 13th or 14th. Please see (call or email) Spanky or Tom at the April meeting.

Wanted: Brake and Clutch pedal for a 69 or 70 Mustang or Cougar. Contact Brad Leonard

We need a slogan for our 20th Season Finale. Submit your ideas to a Board member. Still need club t-shirts for the anniversary quilt. Years needed: 1994-2003, 2005, 2007, & 2008. Please give to Lisa Krebsbach or a Board member.



Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting
March 6, 2013
Vegas Motel

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President George Masters at 7:30 PM.

Board members present were George Masters, Jerry Black, Joanne Larson, Tom Carson, Dave Alberts, Randy Hysjulien, Doug Frazier, Rita Webb, and Betty Trzpuc.

New members and guests were welcomed. Fifty five people were present.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Committee Report:

Wild about Wheels (Tom Carson/Doug Frazier) is scheduled for April 13-14 and April 12th is move-in day. The two main rooms will be used to display the cars. Two admission tickets will be given out for each car displayed. One ticket will be issued to each worker. Please sign up to work a shift selling raffle tickets, clothing and memberships.

Motor Magic (Jerry Black) Jerry stated that Keller Paving will provide the sand for a play area. Our club will buy some toys for the play area and the Humane Society will monitor the children. We are also checking into getting inflatable houses and a van will be available for the kids to paint. Larry Haug will check on getting the Highway Patrol's rollover simulator. George is checking on getting a wrecked Soo Line car to display. The fishing pond will be open to use. The next Motor Magic meeting is June 4th at 5:30 at the All Seasons Arena in the atrium.

Season Finale (Board Members) the band Firehouse has been contracted to play on Friday evening. Karaoke on Saturday evening has been dropped and we will play our music. We will resume asking area businesses for gift donations to use as door prizes.

Christmas Party (Rita Webb/Dave Alberts)

Old Business:

Raffle Tickets a permit has been applied for and a limit of 5000 tickets will be ordered. Marlin and Marilyn Schiele will manage the ticket sales.

Lapel Pins and Pens Lapel pins are available for sale at a price of \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. The pens are free to the members.

Audit Rick Anderson is working on the audit for 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Club House at this time the cork board for the display cabinet, mounting of the TV, and the soda fountain area are being completed. The carpet has been installed upstairs.

New Business:

Quilt Lisa Krebsbach volunteered to make the quilt for our 20th Season Finale. Please donate your car of the year T-shirts which will be used to make the quilt.

Next Generation IF George will be restoring his '55 Nomad for the project this year and the Board approved this as an official club event. It is open to members with their kids or grand kids, from 10-15 years old. Teaching safety and the correct use of tools are priority.

Clothing Tracy Summers has volunteered to help out with clothing sales. Club jackets and gift certificates are also available.

- First Place Winner- Colin and Marlan St. Croix won first place Street Rod at the Lake Havasu City car show. Congratulations!
- Welding Creation- Rich Solberg displayed his awesome ‘welded man’ that he created.

Announcements:

- March 27th is the next Board meeting.
- April 3rd is the next general meeting.
- Dates for 2013 events need to be submitted to Sherie Saltveit and ideas for the newsletter to Tammy Kloehn.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Betty Trzpuc, Secretary

The Continuation of the Ratrod Saga:

Wanna know how to totally confuse an insurance agent????? Try to explain a ratrod to them especially when you tell them there will be no paint on it. I was told they would have to call the main office!!!! This is getting to be fun and it ain't even been on the road yet. I was laughing so hard I could hardly explain it all. Dave Smith

Jay Leno's Tips for Collecting Classic Cars

Finding a quality collector ride takes detective work—and an ear for a good story.

Every antique-automobile enthusiast dreams about finding a long-lost car in some garage or barn. A forgotten treasure just waiting for someone — you — to rediscover. At least that's the dream. But it doesn't happen very often.



I believe if you just go out looking for old cars, not for any particular model, you're more likely to find a car you want. I think all the Duesenbergs have been discovered; all the Cobras are present and accounted for, and the locations of all the C-Type Jags and the D-Type Jags are pretty much known. But there still are a lot of other exciting cars out there.

If you enjoy doing the legwork — the detective work — you just might find something neat. It's no different from going antiquing with your wife on a Saturday afternoon. It's just that you're hunting for cool

cars instead of creaky old furniture and another collectible Elvis plate.

1951 Hudson Hornet (Jay Leno’s Garage)

You never know where you'll stumble on an old vehicle. Take my 1941 American LaFrance fire truck. State-of-the-art for its day, it was bought new by Warner Bros. as their studio-lot truck. In the early '50s, Warner Bros. donated it to the City of Burbank, which kept it around for decades. One day the Burbank fire chief called me and said, "Hey, we've got this old fire truck. Do you want it?" Naturally, I said, "Yeah, sure." It only had 11,000 miles on it! It had never even been plated. So I became the first registered owner and got a fairly rare V12 collector fire truck — as a gift — because it wasn't worth anything to the owners.

The trick is, you can't be a snob. You've got to be open to the weird stuff that has an interesting story.

And people love sending me letters about weird stuff. Lots of times people think these cars are really valuable. But usually the letter goes something like: "I have a very rare Emilio Pucci edition 1976 Ford Granada — one of the few with the full wire-wheel hubcaps and white landau roof." But every now and then, there's something that's a little bit more interesting.

A few years back I received a letter from a woman in her 90s; she'd gotten married in a 1951 Hornet. In fact, it was the only car she and her husband had ever owned. After he died in 1996, the Hornet was parked in her garage. I went to look at it. Physically, it was fine. Mechanically, it was worn out. It had gone more than 260,000 miles. But it was all there. Every receipt was in the glove compartment. So I bought the Hornet. But really, I was buying the story more than I bought the actual car.

Don't be disappointed if what you find isn't some rare collector piece. Let's say you come across a '56 Chevy or a '55 Ford two-door with a three-on-the-tree and a 292-cu.-in. V8. These cars are fun to drive. They give you an experience that can't be duplicated with today's cars. For stuff like this you can pay anywhere from \$1200 to about \$5000. With a little bit of elbow grease, you have a collector car that's a great weekend cruiser. And you never know, there may even be a little history behind it.

Any car can be a collector car, if you collect it. People always say, "Buy the best car you can afford." That's nice ... if you're rich. You don't have to buy a spotless, multiple-concours-winning example to have some fun in this hobby. Just buy a driver. Or buy a wreck. A friend of mine has a Bugatti. It's completely rotted out. You couldn't possibly restore it. But he bought it, and now he's in the Bugatti Club. His car is literally a burned-out hulk. It would take a gazillion dollars to restore it. But he can say he's got a Bugatti. He rescued it.

I never really understood why people buy Harlequin romance novels. You know the ones: A lady meets a man who seems to be an innocuous guy but later turns out to be a prince. They have titles like So-and-So's First Date, or They Met at the Market. Why does anybody read this stuff?

But that's exactly the kind of romantic relationship you can have with old cars. You see one; you pine for it; you dream about what it'll be like when it's fixed up. So searching for cars is like the plots in those Harlequin novels. The best advice I can give is to find the oldest garage or gas station in your town. Go talk to the owner. Ask him if he has customers who haven't been in for a long time. Do they have an interesting car? Maybe there's a '69 Bonneville or some other model like that just waiting to be discovered.

If you like old things, I recommend that you talk to old guys. Seek them out. They were all young guys once. And a lot of them don't have any family left; they just want to see the love of their life, the car they were always going to restore — but never got around to — go to a good home.

Price is always a consideration, so don't expect these guys to give away their pride and joy. They want a fair deal, but they certainly aren't looking to get rich either. For a lot of these guys, it's more about the car going to the right garage — yours. So ask around the local old folks' home and talk to old folks. "Hey, didja' ever have an old car?" They might say: "Oh yeah, the old people next door to us had an old car. Now what the hell was that?"

So you go to that house and maybe there's something cool in the garage, like a '49 Nash Airflyte. Maybe it's a Hudson Hornet buried under 45 years of barn dust. Maybe it's something equally interesting.

But you have to take the initiative. There are people who'd like you to have their car. You just have to find them.

By Jay Leno
Photograph by John Lamm
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Just for Laughs

Old Mother Hubbard went to her cupboard
To take her Ford out for a spin,
But when she got there the cupboard was bare,
They had sold her machine for old tin.

CARBURETOR PROBLEMS

A blonde had called a mechanic when her newly purchased [1965 Classic Chevrolet Corvette](#) had broken down

'That's a lovely car,' says the mechanic. 'What seems to be the matter?'
Well, it just conked out I'm afraid.'
'Let me have look.' The mechanic set to work and ten minutes later the engine was purring like a cat again.
'Thank goodness,' she said. 'What was the matter?'
'Simple really, just poop in the [carburetor](#),' he replied.
Looking shocked she asked, 'Oh, OK. How many times a week do I have to do that?'

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I've had my Ford for almost a week,
If it blows before I wake,
Don't get me another, for Heaven's sake.



~ April 2013 ~

May ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Meeting at the Vegas 7:30	4	5 Noon Luncheon call the hotline for location World of Wheels Winnepeg 5 & 6th	6 Rod & Custom car show Fargo 6 & 7th
7	8	9	10 Cruise to Hardee's South	11	12 Wild About Wheels Set up and Luncheon Fairgrounds	13 Wild about Wheels Minot Fairgrounds 13 & 14th
14	15	16	17 Cruise to Hardee's South	18	19 Noon Luncheon call the hotline for location	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Cruise to Hardee's South Board Meeting	25	26 Arbor Day Noon Luncheon call the hotline for location	27 Rondex Rodarama Winnepeg 26-28th
28	29	30	Notes:			



Don't ever change yourself to impress someone, because they should be impressed that you don't change to please others.

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