

# DAKOTA CRUISERS



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

April 2014

“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR 20 YEARS”



FINALLY! Nice weather and boy-oh –boy am I ready. I’ve got some cars that I want to drive!

Anyway, my story continues with my cars. The Mark II, with the paint falling off, has ascended to Lake Park, MN to get the paint job done and other things. The continuing saga of the ‘578 Chevy also continues. As of this writing, tomorrow we will be starting it up for the first real time to see how it runs. We did try it for about 10 seconds one time in Jan., but the floats were stuck, and by the time we did hear it run, gas was spewing out over the top, so we shut it off right away. So as of this writing, we do not have it running.

I have this car registered in the Toppers Car Show in Fargo in the 5th and 6th of April, then a week later at the Majestic Car Show in Regina. It should be fun. I always like going to those shows because I’ve made a lot of contacts and friends over the many years of attending these shows.

So as the April car show season and cruising is in the wind, I am really looking forward to things this year. We have some exciting plans for the Wednesday evening cruises and a “Presidents Spring Dinner Cruise” to the Myers B&B in Williston. We will be leaving around 9 AM and going there – arriving just in time for a great lunch! You won’t want to miss it. Watch for the date (see announcements in the back of this newsletter!)

The monthly meetings are so well attended and things are looking so good at them, we have decided to give away (in the neighborhood of \$50.00) something significant at each one. This coming meeting in April, at “The Vegas”, we will be giving away 10 tickets to the Shrine Circus. Even if you don’t want to go, and you win a pair of tickets, you could give them to a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter!

So let's keep Wednesday nights open for the summer. We always leave Hardees S. at 6:30. Each event is listed or announced on the HOTLINE (852-KARS) 5277. SO if you would come late one evening, you could call the number and get to the event!

Well, all for now. Keep in mind that we are still looking for profiles and pictures and stories for the web site. Remember [www.dakotacruiser.com](http://www.dakotacruiser.com) for club info.

George

# Announcements

**Looking to advertise**

**See George or a board member for details**

**FOR SALE: Late 50's gas pump. Use as yard art or restore.**

**Glass is broken on one side. \$350.00 OBO**

**Call Dave Alberts 838-4309 or see me at Wed nights.**

## Minutes of the Dakota Cruisers General Meeting

March 5, 2014

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, Dave Alberts, Rita Webb, Roger Lee, Doug Frazier, Joanne Larson, and Lynn Amundson.

Welcome to all members and guests.

### 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 Reports

- Season Finale September 12, 13, & 14 - Board members are chairing the event. The board is asking club members to sign up and help out on a committee.
- Christmas Party December 13, Grand Hotel - Lynn Amundson & Sue Hamilton

- Wild About Wheels February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Thanks to Jerry Black for chairing this event. Nodak is working on setting up dates for the 2015 event. Jerry thanked all the club members who helped with set up, working the both, and displaying their cars.
- Motor Magic August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - Committee Chair Ron Penfold. Indoor vendor space is available for \$75.00. In the parking lot the club has a returning vendor from Wilton with a dyno test machine.

#### Raffle Tickets

- Dave Alberts Committee Chair. The permit has been applied for and we will receive our permit number around March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Old Business

- 20 Year Anniversary jackets- Preorders are now being taken for the jackets. The order will be placed after the March meeting. Contact George if you are interested.
- Quilt Update Lisa Krebsbach - She will be receiving the quilt back this week and is going to start work on the binding.
- Summer BBQ Runs- The club is asking for six volunteers per month to sign up and help with set up, clean up, coolers, and pop. There are two cook outs per month.

To date we have:

June - Joe & Dennis Uhrmacher, Curt Yuly

July-

August – Greg & Cara Olson

#### New Business

- Cars of the Year - By a general show of hands the club members voted to return the “Cars of the Year” in 2015. There will be one car nominated in each of the two categories: 63 & older and 64 & newer. The cars will be nominated in August and September, and voted on in September.
- Website Member Update – We would like to update the club member section of the website. Please submit a personal profile, story, or a photo of your car.
- Children’s Dakota Cruiser caps - We are looking for the club member who ordered two children’s Dakota Cruiser caps. They are ready for pick up.
- Summer Cruising – Dave Alberts and Dave Smith are taking suggestions for Wednesday night cruises. They are working on the summer schedule and still have some open dates. The runs are kept to a 30 mile radius of Minot.
- Drawing- There was a drawing held for members in attendance for a one night stay at The Grand Hotel donated by Dave & Cathy Smith. George was the lucky winner.

Next Board Meeting - March 26, 2014

Next General Meeting – April 2, 2014

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Counts Car Show, Rapid City, SD - March 6-9

World of Wheels, Winnipeg, MB - March 14-16

Toppers Car Show, Fargo - April 5 & 6, 2014

Call the Hotline 852-KARS or check the website for updates and other events.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Amundson, Secretary

*“No other man-made device since the shields and lances of ancient knights fulfills a man's ego like an automobile.”*

— Lord Rootes



Submitted by Neil Larson      1956 Buick

I found it in James town, had been parked for 25 years, in a wet shed, and also mice. Got it for a good price, found out the brother of the guy I bought it from, was paralyzed and had a rope rigged up to the carb, for a throttle, some other stuff for the rest of the controls.

It had front end damage; I assumed was not too bad, but bought a 56 Roadmaster sedan in Zap for too much, and pulled the front clip. All that was different with molding holes etc. Buicks had so much change between the narrow (special-century) to the wider bodied (super-roadmaster) can't believe they did that.

The motor was stuck, tried everything to free it, but did not work. Pulled one head, and found the mouse damage not repairable, so pulled pan, torched rods, so I could turn it over enough to get the converter bolts out.

Found a rebuilt motor in Cal. paid WAY too much, and had it shipped to Makoti. Problems with it also, as it had been stored in a barn with saddle blankets covering it, had some moisture stuff also. The dude never did give me a hand in money taking care of it.

Got the motor in and running, couldn't put radiator (had to buy an aluminum one) because of the front damage.

Transmission leaks like hell out of the front dseal so will have to pull it (enclosed drive shaft) later when I get it back.

My friend took on the body and paint work, found the frame to be bent, must have been hit from under the car, so we had to struggle with that.

It needs an interior, and some repainting, going to be a driver, like all my cars, so will take care of most of that myself, as money allows.

Later, Neil



### Calendar of Events

#### April 2014

- 1      **April Fool's Day**
- 2      **Meeting at the Vegas - 7:30 p.m.**
- 4      **Noon Luncheon call the Hotline**
- 5-6      56th Annual Rod and Custom Car Show, Veterans Memorial Arena, West Fargo, ND - for more information email [toppers@toppersclub.com](mailto:toppers@toppersclub.com)
- 9      Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
- 11      Noon Luncheon call the Hotline
- 12-13      Prime Steel 32nd Annual Car Show, Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND - for more information email [trohanson@wikel.com](mailto:trohanson@wikel.com)
- 12-13      Majestic 48th Annual Car Show, Regina, Saskatchewan
- 16      Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
- 18      Noon Luncheon call the Hotline
- 18-19      2014 Draggins Rod & Custom Car Club of Saskatoon, 54th Annual Car Show - for more information email [info@draggins.com](mailto:info@draggins.com).
- 23      Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
- 25      Noon Luncheon call the Hotline
- 25-27      15th Annual Rondex Rodarama - Manitoba Street Rod Association, Winnipeg - [events@msra.mb.ca](mailto:events@msra.mb.ca) or call Brian 204-338-8429
- 30      Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South - board meeting



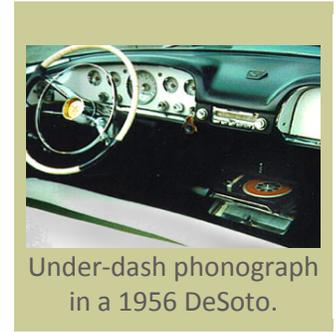
*Larry's new detailing crew knows how to make it shine.*

## Chrysler Corp. takes customers for a spin

DETROIT – Back in the early 1950s there were many fewer music radio stations, and if you didn't like those that were within range, your only choice was to shut the radio off and listen to the road, the engine noise and the splat of bugs on the windshield.

Then in 1956, Chrysler Corporation stepped up to offer car buyers a new listening option – an in-car phonograph.

**The players, made by** Columbia, were mounted on the bottom edge of the dash, directly above the transmission hump, and were wired directly into the car radio. Pressing a button on the front cover of the player opened it, allowing the turntable to be slid outward. Flipping a switch on the left side of the player bypassed the radio tuner, and the radio's amplifier then could boost the signal from the player while volume, tone and balance could be controlled by the regular radio knobs.



There were a few problems with the idea of a car player that needed to be solved – besides simply keeping the needle on the record. One of them was safely operating the unit while driving.



Bandleader  
Lawrence Welk  
in a '56 Dodge.

**The player had to be** small, so the 7-inch size of the 45-rpm record was ideal; but using 45s would have meant changing the record every few minutes, a little risky at highway speeds. To solve that problem, 7-inch records for the player were produced in the new 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -rpm format (ultra-microgroove) offering up to an hour of playing time per side and the added benefit of a slower speed that was less likely to kick up the needle. The records also were easy to load. Moving the tone

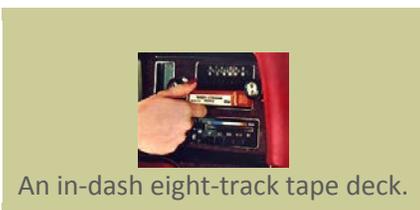
arm over the record would start it spinning and, in a few seconds, the needle would automatically lower into the starting groove. Then the turntable could be pushed back in and the front cover closed.

If you ordered the option for your new 1956 Chrysler, Desoto, Dodge or Plymouth you also received the first six of 42 special platters available exclusively from Columbia Records.

**That limited availability** – which also meant you could only listen to artists under contract with Columbia – was part of the problem with the option, which died at the end of the model year.

Chrysler didn't completely give up, though. The automaker tried again in 1960. This time, the unit was made by RCA and played regular 45-rpm records.

You could stack up to 12 records in the player so that you would not have to change them every three or four minutes.



The unit worked “upside-down”. The tone arm came up to the bottom of the record. As one record finished playing, the tone arm moved out of the way, and that record would drop to the bottom of the spindle. The tone arm then swung back to play the bottom of the next record. This time the option lasted two years.

**What happened?** The records skipped – just like they often did with the first version – if the ride and the road weren't smooth as glass. It was an insurmountable problem.

The next time customers had a real music option choice in a Chrysler Corporation car wasn't until 1968.

What was it? The eight-track tape deck.

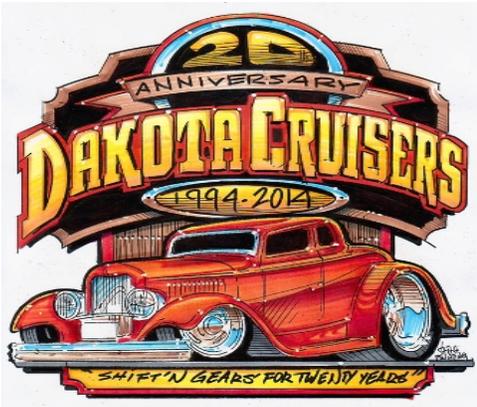
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Next General Meetings at the  
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May 7 & June 4, 2014