

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2014

“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR 20 YEARS”

The meeting on the 5th of Feb is going to be a Gang-Buster meeting! It is one of the first of the year of 20 Anniversary. We’re spending some nice money to make it a great evening! If you are in town, you won’t want to miss it!

Car shows start this month (Feb) at two places. First one is the 8th of Feb in Jamestown, and the second is the Wild About Wheels (WAW) Car Show in Minot. This year WAW be a bit different because of a few things: first of all, we can’t move any cars into the area of the show until after lunch. Only about twenty cars are going in this year, also. Priority will be given to any vehicles that are to be shown for the first time. NODAK is only able to rent two rooms this year---the \$-H building (by Viggies restaurant) and the FFA room, which will house the RC cars and the 4-wheelers. Should be interesting.

Well, the new “20 Year Anniversary” jackets are available for ordering. The logo is neat, and the jackets are even neater. The first order will go in sometime after the March Meeting. Two jacket styles are available to try on and order. They will be pre-paid by anyone ordering and will be available shortly after the order goes in. I will be handling all orders.

We are looking for ideas for the Wednesday evening cruises this summer. We will also be asking for volunteers to help out at these activities. We need folks that will be willing to help set-up and clean up. This will really help---so be ready to do your part!

Here’s a big “HELLO” to all of our members that have traveled South or West, or even South East for the winter. We are continuing on with you all in our thoughts. Now some of the thoughts are of envy for you enjoying warmer weather, but mostly our thoughts are being happy for you---for taking advantage of the ability to travel out of the cold weather.

The Clubhouse is in fine condition. We have 31 cars and trucks stored in it at this time. Temp is about 70 degrees and the cars ‘absolutely’ love it.

Well, as I sign off for this month, remember to keep Wednesday evenings open for the summer cruises. The Spring "Presidents Dinner Cruise" will be on Saturday May 17th headed to the Myers residence out around Williston. More obviously, to follow, but mark your calendars for this date.

George

Announcements

**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.**

Looking to advertise

See George or a board member for details

DAKOTA CRUISERS WINTER PARTY

Wed. Feb. 5th The Vegas Hotel starting at 6pm

There will be a Pasta bar for supper, door prizes, club meeting and entertainment after the meeting.



Minutes of the Dakota Cruisers General Meeting

January 8, 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, Ron Penfold, Roger Lee, Doug Frazier, Joanne Larson, and Lynn Amundson.

Thirty Nine 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 Reports

• Season Finale-Board members will chair and organize Season Finale 2014. Dates will be September 12, 13, & 14. The band Soul Shine has been booked.

• Christmas Party 2013- Good food and prizes. Thanks to Rita Webb & Dave Alberts for chairing this event. Also special thanks to Ray Webb for the music and slide show.

- Wild About Wheels is scheduled for February 14th to 16th. Jerry Black Committee Chair. Move in after noon on Friday. There will be a Nodak selection of 20 cars for the show. Contact Jerry Black if you are interested in entering your car. Priority will be given to cars that have not been previously shown at the event. Dakota Cruisers will have a booth set up to sell clothing. Contact Jerry Black to sign up to work at the booth during this event.
- Motor Magic- Committee Chair Ron Penfold. There will be a designated parking area outside for cars not displayed indoors. Motor Magic would like the Dakota Cruisers to bring in a Doodle Van for the kids to paint. It will be located by the sand box play area. We are looking for a Dakota Cruiser to set this up. There will be sign-up sheets for working inside at the Dakota Cruisers booth and also outside at the Doodle Van.
- Winter Activity – February 5th general meeting. A pasta bar will be served starting at 6:00 pm. Door prizes will be given. Please plan on attending.

Raffle Tickets

- Dave Alberts Committee Chair. Permit will be applied for the middle of March.
- Ryan Chevrolet is donating a crate motor, Minot Automotive is donating a car starter, and Tires Plus is donating \$400 toward new tires.
- We will be selling raffle tickets at Devils Run so any Dakota Cruiser member attending that event is encouraged to sign up to sell tickets in one hour shifts.

Old Business

- 20 Year Anniversary jackets are still in process. North Country is finalizing the logo. Two types of jackets will be offered. A heavier weight fleece type and a lighter wind breaker type. The jackets will be offered pre order only.
- 2014 Season Finale T Shirts have arrived and are being sold. Thanks to Jerry Black for heading this up and working on the logo. The logo and shirts look great.
- Quilt Update- Lisa Krebsbach said the quilt top is all assembled and going to the quilter.

New Business

- The scholarship will be available for club member's children or grandchildren that are residents of North Dakota who plan to attend a college in North Dakota or Wyoming Tech. Preference will be given to anyone attending college for an automotive trade.
- The club members were polled to see if they would prefer having a hard copy of the newsletter mailed out to them or if they would like to go to the website and read it. By a general show of hands most members in attendance preferred the electronic version. Any member that would prefer to have a hard copy of the newsletter mailed out to them is encouraged to contact George to be put on the postal mailing list.

Friday January 10, Lunch downtown at Deli At the Fair 11:30

NDSRA Christmas and Annual party January 18, 2014 Fargo Air Museum.

Next Board Meeting January 29, 2014

Next General Meeting February 5, 2014

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

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Amundson, Secretary

Welcoming a Younger Enthusiast and His Newer Car

I had an interesting experience at one of our local cruises just the other day. To my surprise I went out of my way to talk to a stranger, sometimes unwelcome cruiser; He was a 20-something, drifter-like, modern car cruiser. All in all, that was very unusual at “our” cruises. Let me set the scene.

“Our” cruises are populated by the typical muscle cars, street rods, hot rods, drag/street racer-like, with a few lead sleds and oldies mixed in.

“Our” people (like me) are usually older with grandkids, working or middle-class; we wear “car” T-shirts & jeans, and mostly sit by our cars and/or in a small group of buddies.

Sound familiar?

So while I’m dusting off my ride this “kid” drives in with his 199? vehicle. Maybe an import? But after my flash of negative feelings (like what’s HE doing here with THAT?) I get a couple of other idea; like “is this one of those ‘drifter’ cars or what? And that car is totally back including the windows (tinted), wheels and trim with a little silver showing in the grille (no ornaments either). Also, there’s no brand badging and though it looks low it’s not “low-rider low” and it’s “aero-looking” but not too much like anything on the road either. Finally, as my brain grinds out of creeper gear, I realize this is exactly the exterior treatment I’m trying to work into a new toy for me! Now I actually have something in common with the kid. So I go over to talk to him.

I said “hi, your car?” He says, “yeah. I was just looking at yours.” Now he’s gettin’ personal! And I have been complimented in a sincere manner. So I’m right in there talking to him with comments like: I like what you’ve done with your car, what year, what model, how long have you had it, any problems with “government officials” not liking the window tint, and such normal car-talk.

Turned out his car was a 1998 Ford Contour SVT. Actually, it was a nice car but an unlikely cruiser because it was a 4-door (for crying out loud!) and a grocery getter albeit a peppy grocery getter. In my book its stock form makes a good but totally un-distinguished car. That’s why I told him he had drastically changed the look and the theme of the car. He’d made it sleek and striking in its simple, all black appearance, and very much up-to-date modern with minor treatments to the headlight covers, rocker panels, o/s mirrors, and the like—no longer was it the stodgy “jelly bean” it was before.

Ya’ know what? He’s just like us in his own way. At the cruise he was among lots of cars that had been “undistinguished” in their day: but with loving care, restoration, creativity and hard work “our cars of the 1950s, 60s, etc. are now the memorable cruisers of today.

When I saw him go to his car to depart the cruise, I really think he did it with an attitude of pride in his car and his work on it. And when he took off, it was with a bit of flourish (but not brazen recklessness).

Later the next day I came to the realization that we “normal” cruisers are usually older and we usually prefer older cars, they are the cars we grew up with. As a result, we often wonder if the younger generation is going to pick up the hobby, a topic that has been discussed very thoughtfully here in *Auto Restorer* in past issues. But now I know a couple or three tings. I have a much better opinion of “those” kids and “their” cars—actually, they could be one of “us”.

And just maybe I helped this kid get more deeply dedicated to the car that he grew up with. And that's good for our hobby—mine and his. The future just got a bit brighter. Auto Restorer- Bob Swartz Waterford, Michigan

This article was courteous of Dave Alberts

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2 	3	4	5 Meeting at the Vegas-Pasta bar @ 6pm Special time	6	7 Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	8 Winter Wheels Car Show in Jamestown
9	10	11	12 Gathering at Hardee's S 6:30p	13	14 Noon luncheon at the fair grounds 	15 Wild About Wheels
16 Wild About Wheels	17 	18	19 Gathering at Hardee's S 6:30p	20	21 Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	22
23	24	25	26 Gathering at Hardee's S 6:30p-Board Meeting	27	28 Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	Notes:



“I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best.”

— [Marilyn Monroe](#)

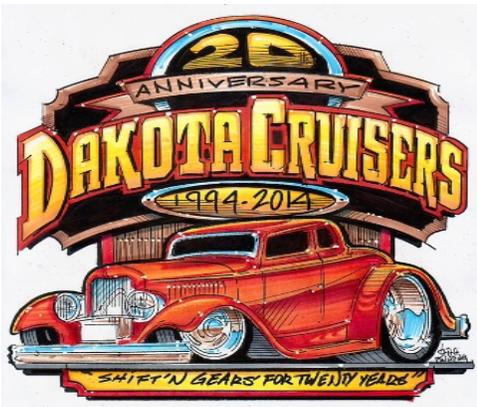
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Next General Meetings at the
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Mar 5 & April 2, 2014