

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 2015

"SHIFT'N GEARS FOR 20 YEARS" (and then some?)

Well, here we go with another winter in North Dakota. I don't go South for personal reasons, but it is so nice for folks that want to go and can afford to go. Plus it takes arrangements to have you home watched while away. With that said, good for anybody that can go away for the winter---where ever it is! Things will start to get busy for me with planning on the next few months. The first show is in Jamestown with the Nomad. It is (or was) January 31st. It's a one day show and I enjoy that one---even though last year was when my paint started to 'pop-off' of the Mark II. Then in Minot the weekend of the 20th of February will be NODAK Race Club's "Wild About Wheels" car show. We always support that show, and this year will be no exception. They are in 'The Magic Place' (where my Motor Magic Auction is held) and that room will hold many more cars than the 4-H room that they have had in the past. So **WE NEED YOUR CAR or CARS** for this show. If you are the least bit hesitant, don't be. Bring it out or them out. Multiple cars or vehicles in your collection would be appreciated!

Two members made their stories or articles into a National publication last month. *"Old Cars Weekly"* did two stories on Al Johnson's Chrysler and my Continental Mark II. I had written mine over a year ago and did not even think they would publish it. Neat! Anyway, my other shows will include: Toppers Show in W. Fargo, Prime Steel in Grand Forks, and Regina, SASK. All of those shows will get to see the Mark II. It is all finished now. I've been detailing under the hood over these past two or three months. It is finally where I want it to be.

The NDSRA Christmas party and annual meeting held last month in Bismarck was really nice. We had the Board Meeting at 11, and the general membership meeting at 1 PM. Off to the garage tour and then the meal and prizes. I am the new president of the NDSRA for two years. It is a great organization and brings events together for the state. There is a nice web site (www.NDSRA.com) and lots of neat things in that. You can contribute as you feel you need to. If you would like more info on NDSRA, contact me and I'll bring you up to speed!

This newsletter needs some input from you and we are looking for interesting things for it. Got any ideas or suggestions---well we need your input and look forward to comments. The February first Wednesday of the month meeting on the 4th will be spectacular. Surprises are in store, so please come if you are able! If you are not a lifetime member, then dues are due for 2015---another banner year for your club!

Signing off for Now,
George



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Minutes of the Dakota Cruisers General Meeting
January 7, 2015
The Vegas

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, Roger Lee, Tom Ulberg, Cara Olson, Joanne Larson, Lynn Amundson, and Ron Penfold.

Welcome to all members and guests. 46 people present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports

- **Christmas Party** December 13, Grand Hotel - Lynn Amundson & Sue Hamilton. There were 132 in attendance. For those who had photos taken we will have them available for pickup at the February meeting. Thanks to Ray Webb for taking the photos and putting together the slide show. The anniversary quilt sold for \$700 and is on display at the Dakota Cruiser club house.
- **Wild About Wheels** – February 21-22, 2015 Move in February 20th. The show will be in the Magic Place room. There will be space for 30 to 40 cars. Jerry Black has a sign-up sheet for workers and vehicles.
- **Raffle Tickets for 2015** – The club has obtained a permit for one year. There will be an early bird drawing in June for a \$300 detailing certificate from Minot Chrysler. The winner will still be eligible for the grand prize drawings at Season Finale.

Old Business

- Winter activity - Cara Olson and Marlan Scheile. Tentative dates March 14th or 21st. Location will be the snowmobile clubhouse located on 86th Ave north of the Gun Club. Plans are for an afternoon movie and popcorn. Final plans will be presented at the February general meeting.

New Business

- Wild About Wheels, Motor Magic, and Season Finale. Please contact any of the board members if you would like to work on a committee or help with any of our annual events and activities.
- NDSRA Annual meeting January 17 2015 Comfort Inn, Bismarck – Board meeting is at 11:00 am with the general meeting at 1:00 pm. Mail in your vote or vote on line at NDSRA.com for the NDSRA pick of the year if you are a registered member.
- Ryan Chevrolet, January 14 – Help them move cars to the fairgrounds any time after 10:00 am. Help out for whatever time you have available that day. Let's support Ryan Chevrolet to show our appreciation for their donation of a new crate engine for our annual raffle.
- Drawings for four Hardees free hamburger cards: Winners Ron Penfold, Arlan Krebsbach, Alan Deplazes, and Diane Hysjulien.

Friday Lunch - January 9, Montana Mike's 11:15am

NDSRA Annual Meeting – January 17, Comfort Inn, Bismarck

Next Board Meeting – January 28, 2015 Hardees south 6:30 pm

Next General Meeting – February 4, 2015 The Vegas 7:30 pm

Call hotline (852-KARS) or check the website for updates and other events.

Adjournment: 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Amundson, Secretary

Upcoming Calendar of Events

February 2015

- February 4** Meeting at the Vegas at 6:30 p.m.
- February 6** Noon lunch - call Hotline
- February 11** informal gathering at Hardees South; 6:30 p.m.
- February 13** Noon lunch - call Hotline
- February 18** informal gathering at Hardees South; 6:30 p.m.
- February 20** no Noon lunch - move in after noon at ND State Fair Convention Center for Wild About Wheels
- February 20-22** Wild About Wheels, ND State Fair Center, Minot
- February 25** informal gathering at Hardees South; 6:30 p.m. - Board Meeting
- February 27** Noon lunch - call Hotline

INTERESTING INFORMATION REGARDING MOTOR OIL (IT'S NOT THE SAME AS BEFORE!)

YES, IT'S GREAT THAT TECHNOLOGY HAS NOW ADVANCED ENOUGH THAT WE ARE UTILIZING SYNTHETIC MOTOR OIL THAT DOES NOT RELY ON PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS. THESE OILS WORK VERY WELL IN THE NEW ENGINES THAT RUN IN NEW PRODUCTION VEHICLES, BUT IT DOES SPELL TROUBLE FOR OUR VINTAGE ENGINES. WHILE THE NEW SYNTHETIC OILS ARE PRODUCED WITH A REDUCTION OF EMISSION POLLUTANTS IN MIND, SOME OF THOSE ADDITIVES ARE NECESSARY FOR THE OLDER ENGINES. WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE ZINC ADDITIVES THE HIGH-PRESSURE CONTACT AREAS, WHERE THE LIFTERS MEET THE CAM LOBE, ARE NOW RUNNING METAL TO METAL. THIS AREA CAN BE SO TIGHT THAT IT SQUEEZES OUT THE THIN LAYER OF LUBRICATING OIL THAT KEEPS THE ENGINE FROM EATING ITSELF. AGAIN, THE ZINC ADDITIVE WORKED DOWN TO THE MOLECULAR LEVEL TO STAY WHERE LARGER COMPOUNDS COULDN'T. THE INITIAL PRODUCT OF OUR SYNTHETIC OILS HAD THIS ZINC ADDITIVE. SO, WHAT HAVE THE EXPERTS LEARNED IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THESE ENGINES FAILING? SINCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MANDATED THE MASS PRODUCTION AND OFF THE SHELF SYNTHETIC OILS, TO COMPLY; THEY HAVE LEFT THE SPECIALTY OIL APPLICATIONS SUCH AS HIGH-MILEAGE, RACING, AND BREAK-IN, ALONE AND ABLE TO KEEP THEIR ZINC CONTENT. THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS FOR WE ENTHUSIASTS WHO HAVE VINTAGE ENGINES AND WISH NOT TO HAVE OUR ENGINES REBUILT UNNECESSARILY. SO, IN YOUR REBUILT OR CRATE VINTAGE ENGINE, TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE LITERATURE THAT IS OUT THERE AND MAKE THE INFORMED CHOICE OF WHAT IS BEST FOR YOUR ENGINE.

(SUMMARIZED FROM MUSCLE CAR REVIEW, JAN 2010, "MOTOR OIL AND ZINC-HOW TO PROTECT YOUR ENGINE", PG. 34.)

THANK YOU'S, MESSAGE AND HELP REQUESTED:

From Dan Caswell:

Andre and I had a bad car accident 08/14/14 by Garrison ND; and Dakota Cruisers sent us a get well card. Thank you all for that.

The Museum at the Ward Co Historical Society will be opening approximately middle of May; to date we have NO ONE that has written down what cars they may want to display. Maybe no one wants to display their cars; that is up to you. BUT if anyone DOES; we need some sort of list of who wants to display what so we can get a schedule please. You only have to display for about 30 days; and you can get the car out to drive during that time if you so desire. Next on our display list is 1930's era cars; as we were unable to get any from 1900-1910 or 1911-1920's. We did have several very nice 1920's cars on display last fall.

We desire to go through the eras until the 1980's; then we desire to have farm tractors, snowmobiles, motorcycles, military vehicles, etc. as anyone can come up with ideas and products to display.

**We also need any sort of small collections that can set on the shelves or be in display cabinets; these can be for 30 days or for the season as you desire. This can be anything you have made or collected; does not have to be automobile related!
We also are starting a Research Library in the Museum; and have a pretty good start on books now - but if anyone wants to donate any non - needed books we will welcome them!!**

I also have for sale several Jeep Wagoneers from the 70's through 80's; and a Very nice 2009 Ford King Ranch F150 crew cab, 4 wheel drive, long box pickup with about every option you can imagine on it. It does not like pulling my enclosed trailers; so I need to get a heavier pickup with better gear ratios.

Thanks, Dan Caswell, 701-838-0542 or cell 701-721-3617

A note from the editor:

Please send any fun facts, requests, and Wanted items, to my email with the word "newsletter" or "Dakota Cruiser" in the subject line to ensure that I can see and add your information from the many hundreds of emails that I receive on a daily basis.

Thanks,

Rhonda

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Next General Meetings at the
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Feb 4th & Mar 4th 2015