

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

July 2016

"SHIFT'N GEARS FOR OVER 20 YEARS"



Now we're talking! Car shows every weekend, cruises every Wednesday night, Friday lunches and more. **WOW**, this is the type of hobby I can enjoy. June was a very interesting and action packed month with Dad Fest, Back-To-The-Fifties, Buggies & Blues, Clastiques Rod Run, Harley's & Hot Rods, Hardees Car Show, Westhope Show, Kenmare Rib Fest and more. I did a few of them, but not all. A guy can only do so much.

One thing I can't figure out is why this club is still growing so much! And why do so many of you attend the monthly meetings? We are getting between 60 and 70 people to a meeting and many at the Wednesday night cruises and Friday lunches. I guess, we are stifled so much in the winter; we can't get enough at the summertime. What a great hobby!

My Woodie update right now is as follows: I have received the "MAPLE" wood for the exterior of the doors. These frames look very interesting and seem to be very nice. The body is ready to have the roof painted and we will probably fit the wood onto the doors to see what the 'fit' looks like. This is the first one of these I am attempting, so it is by guess and by golly on what to do or where to go next! The chassis is almost all welded on and will be ready for body removal, disassembly, powder coating and then reassembly. Should be interesting.

The NSRA (National Street Rod Association) has a safety inspection program that I'd like to encourage all of you to have done on your collector cars. We are unique in this state because our cars sit 5 or 6 months out of the year. Water and all fluid levels deteriorate, tires age, rubber hoses and belts become aged and so on. How many times do we think that things were just changed or checked a few years ago, and it winds up being 5 or 6 or even longer in reality! Let's get your car inspected. It could save you or your family's life, or at the least, save you time when enjoying your ride only to have a vehicle breakdown. We can inspect it and then you will know some issues---though not all. Why take chances?!

Well, we have a lot going on for the rest of the summer. I plan on driving my nomad over to Billings, MT in July to the National Nomad Association National Convention. Being this close, I can't pass it up! I'll report on that one once it is over.....

Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting

June 01, 2016

“Shift’n Gears For *over* Twenty Years”

I. Call to Order (Please mute cell phones) Pledge of Allegiance

- A. Welcome new members and guests Jacob Windsor

III. Treasurer’s Report

IV. Committee Reports.

- A. Motor magic
- B. Season Finale
- C. Christmas Party

V. Raffle Tickets –1st drawing at July general meeting

VI. Old Business

- A. Need people to sign-up to help with season finale
- B. Scholarship winners Chance Gardener-Towner and Matthew Dusek-Stanley
Past winners may reapply deadline July 1st
- C. Any more old business

VII. New Business

- A. Membership awards program board is working on
- B. Need members to put out fliers on cars at other car shows
- C. Any other new business

VIII Announcements

- A. Next Board and general meeting July 06 2016
- B. Wednesday June 22 Magic City Harley Davidson
- C. 71 members at meeting
- E. Go to website and/or hotline for more updates and schedules
- G. Friday lunch Call the Hotline

IX. Adjournment.

Magic City Harley Davidson-June 22- Making new friends and Delicious food.



Calendar of Events

July 2016

- July 1 noon luncheon call the Hotline
- July 6 Monthly meeting at the Vegas Motel - 7:30 p.m.- Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- July 8 Noon luncheon - call Hotline
- July 9 Ronnie's Country Mouse Classic Car & Motorcycle Show, Mouse River Park
- July 10 Brandon and Area Car Enthusiasts are having their 17th Assiniboine Valley Run, Brandon Manitoba
- July 8-10 48th Annual Black Hills Rod Run, Counts of the cobblestone Car Club, Black Hawk, SD
- July 13 Wednesday night cruise to Racers for customer appreciation car show - leave Hardees at 6:30 p.m.
- July 15 noon luncheon - call hotline
- July 15-16 33rd Annual Prairie Cruisers Car Show, Dickinson, ND - 800-526-5507
- July 13-16 45th Black Hills Corvette Classic, Sioux Falls and Spearfish, SD
- July 15-17 Car Craft Nationals - Milwaukee, WI
- July 16 8th Annual Shuffle Off to Buffalo Car Show, Buffalo, ND 5-8 pm on Main Street
- July 20 Wednesday night cruise to Airport Museum for burger burn and potluck - leave Hardees at 6:30 p.m.
- July 21 SWANKS Car Cruise, Kick-off-to-Summerfest, Casselton, ND - live music - free event
- July 22 noon luncheon - call Hotline
- July 23 North Dakota State Fair Parade - lineup starts at 8:15 a.m. - parade starts at 9:15 a.m. - make sure you arrive in plenty of time for the line-up
- July 23 Run 81, Hillsboro, ND
- July 27 Wednesday night cruise to The Wellington - leave Hardees at 6:30 p.m.
- July 29 Noon Luncheon - call Hotline
- July 29 James Valley Street Machines Black Top Tour, Jamestown, ND
- July 29-31 Super Run 2016 - Brandon, MB

Devils Run -Minot crew chillin'



WANTED: Looking for a good used wash machine and dryer for my shop. If you have one or hear of one, please call me at 701-240-6771. Thanks. George Masters



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HUBCAP



Posted By: Blackburn Wheels on Jan 30, 2015

How long ago would you guess that the hubcap was invented? Fifty years? A hundred? You might be very surprised to learn that the first Hubcap was used in the late 17th century on the Newton Reaction Carriage. Early hubcaps were usually referred to as grease or dirt caps, as their primary function was to prevent dirt and grease from affecting wheel hardware. The early caps were threaded directly to the center hub on the wheel, which back then were made of wood, steel or wire. Even earlier than that (before 1915) hubcaps were made of a brass with a nickel-plating for aesthetic purposes. Auto manufacturers would move on to aluminum hubcaps in the early 1920s.

The center cap originated from wheel retailers adding a branded stamp the make of the vehicle at the center of the wheels. By the early 1930s, practically every car featured a snap on center cap in the middle of the wheel. Spring loaded retention systems invented back then have gone largely unchanged even today.

Center caps served several purposes, one of which was to prevent debris from entering and obstructing any wheel hardware from working correctly. Then auto manufacturers started wondering if there could be an advantage to expanding the center cap to cover more of the wheel. The now defunct Cord Automobile and Hudson Motor Car Company were some of the quickest to implement this idea. Cord designed a smooth wheel cover with holes drilled into its sides. Hudson's wheel cover was flat and featured a lip halfway through between the center of the wheel and the outer edge.

By the time the pressed steel wheel became commonplace, these would typically be painted to match the car body. As such, hubcaps were expanded to hide the lug nuts that mounted the wheels to the car. Some car manufacturers would offer an optional chrome ring that clipped to the outer rim of the wheel. This option was wildly popular and would evolve in to the hubcap of today that covers the entire wheel. As they evolved, so did the public's craving for more decoratively styled hubcaps that not only protected the wheel but looked cool.

Entry level cars started to issue standard and visually boring hubcaps called "dog dish caps" due to resembling a dog dish. They were also referred to as "poverty caps", mocking their cheap price. At the same time, car manufacturers were issuing full wheel covers with visually appealing designs standard on higher end models. Starting in the 1960s and continuing on until the early 1980s, manufacturers began offered stainless steel wheel covers made to resemble the old, and more expensive wire spoke wheels of the past.

These days, metal has been replaced in the hubcap industry. Modern automobiles use plastic hubcaps that cover the entire wheel, while the higher end and performance models typically pony up a bit and offer aluminum alloy wheels with fancy center caps.

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Next General Meetings at
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July 6 & Aug 3, 2016

