

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

June 2016

"SHIFT'N GEARS FOR OVER 20 YEARS"



Rain, rain---let it rain! Cars won't melt if they get wet, but I can see where some are bit leery of taking their classic out. In ND and many other parts of the country, hail can accompany the wet stuff. Just be careful!

Ya know, this hobby has so many facets in it is unbelievable. For instance let's talk about trailering a car to a show or rod run. Some don't like it, but then again, some don't care. But it is your car and you can do with it what you want. If I would happen to trailer a car to a rod run and got seriously mocked or criticized for doing that, it would be the last time I would attend that run! We do with our cars what we are comfortable with them.

I've been to shows where the car is driven, the owner parks it, leaves the bugs on the grille and just walks away. Now this guy is going to have a nice time and not worry about his car! Then there is the other side of the coin---shut off the engine and gets the cleaning stuff out of the trunk and spends another hour or more cleaning it up. Which one is having the most fun? Well, each one is having his or her own fun!!!

Some paint jobs are absolutely spectacular, and then some are of the "Rat-Rod" category. Which guy is having the most fun? Both are, so it is hard to tell. I've been at a show at the fairgrounds with a beautifully restored car parked right next to the most unique rat-rod in the county and there was a crowd around the rat-rod and not one person looking at the restored classic! Go figure. So in summary, go with this hobby and have fun. Do what you enjoy and the heck with what everyone else says or does!

June is amping up with a lot of activities, so check the web site for the activities. I cannot list them all on the hotline, so check out www.dakotacruiser.com when you get a chance.

Next meeting at "The Vegas" is Wednesday the 1st of June at 7:30. Please come and bring a friend or two!!!

George

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*Cheers for the sailors that fought
 on the wave for it,
 Cheers for the soldiers that
 always were brave for it,
 Tears for the men that went
 down to the grave for it,
 Here comes the flag!
 ~Arthur Macy, The Flag*

Calendar of Events

June 2016

- 1 Monthly meeting at the Vegas Motel - 7:30 p.m.- Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 3,9,17,24 Noon Luncheon - call Hotline
- 3-5 25th Annual Devils Run, North America's Hottest Car Show and Rod Run, Devils Lake
 41st Annual Motorcraze Weekend Car Show and Bike Rally Sheridan Classics Car Club,
 Sheridan County Fairgrounds, Plentywood, MT, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 3-5 13th Annual Wheel Jam on the SD State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD
- 8 Wed night cruise to Jerald Burtmans for BBQ and potluck, leave Hardees at 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Kenmare Grill Fest and Classic Car Show & Motorcycle Roundup,
- 11 T & T Rods 14th Annual Show and Shine, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - no entry fee/open show
- 10-11 36th Annual Classtiques Rod Run - Riverwood RV, Mandan, ND
- 11-12 23rd Anniversary Celebration Buggies N Blues - Dykshoorn Park, Mandan, ND
- 15 Wednesday night cruise TBA - leave Hardees at 6:30 p.m.
- 17-19 43rd Annual MSRA Back to the 50s - Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
- 18 18th Annual 2016 Rally in the Valley, Valley City, ND
- 18-19 Power Dodge Father's Day Car Show, Estevan, SK
- 18-20 29th Annual Center of the Nation All Car Rally, Belle Fourche, SD - email
 allcarrally@hotmail.com
- 22 Wednesday night cruise to Magic City Harley food provided by HOG, leave Hardees at
 6:30 p.m.
- 25-26 Antique and Classic Car Show, Medora, ND - 701-225-8851
- 24-26 Cars in the Park 2016 - Badlands Drifters Car Club, Glendive, MT
- 29 Wednesday night cruise TBA - leave Hardees at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of Dakota Cruisers Board Meeting
MAY 04, 2016
“Shift’n Gears For over Twenty Years”

I. Call to Order (please mute phones)

II. Roll Call : All present

III. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Accepted

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Accepted

V. Committee Reports

- a. scholarship report: 2 applicants will be discuss awarding at June meeting.
- b. Motor Magic meeting may 03 2016
 - 1. NASCAR simulator will be here
 - 2. NDSRA car of the year agreed to here
 - 3. We will have 1 room
 - 4. Bill Klimpel will have swap meet south side of gymnastics building.

VI. Raffle Tickets – Arlan and Lisa have tickets

VII. Old Business

A. any old business?

VIII. New Business

- A. Season finale meeting May 24 2016 at clubhouse
- B. First cruise May 11 leave Hardees 6:30 P.M. eat before we leave
- C. Clean-up at clubhouse May 17
- D. Other new business

VIII Announcements

- A. next general meeting May 04 2016
- B. May 6 Moose car show
- C. May 7 boys ranch car show, Williston band day
- B. next board and general meeting June 01 2016**
- C. go to website and/or hotline for more updates and schedules
- D. Friday lunch Ruby Tuesday
- E. Underwood car show

IX. Adjournment

Priscilla Jevne is interested in gathering the names of all car club members who were “in country” Vietnam Veterans. At the April general meeting she accumulating some of the names and does not want to miss anyone. If you were not at the last meeting please send your name to Priscilla at pjevne@yahoo.com.

Please send your car pictures/articles to tammykloehn@yahoo.com to be added to the newsletter as space permits.

First cruise of the season May 11 (Dave Alberts)

The weather was cloudy and a little cool for our first cruise of the season, but no rain! The 8 cars that went had a good time. We put about 75 miles on with a pit stop at the new Cenex in Carpio, Wow, what a store; they seem to have something for everyone. One of our members even had his project out for its maiden voyage and ran without a problem. Things were starting to green up in the area and some of the crops were already coming out of the ground. I've included a picture at one of our stops.



DOES A BADGE MAKE A CAR?

By George Masters

“What does he mean by that?” you might ask. Well here is what I mean. Let’s take for instance, a 1966 Pontiac LeMans. I remember buying one of these cars back in the late 1990s or early 2000s. Wow, what a perfect donor-GTO clone car! So I bought a rear tail section, bought some ’66 GTO tail-light assemblies, (and wiring for the extra lights), trunk emblem, the grills, dash emblem, wood-grain instrument panel applique and all other associated parts needed to make this LeMans into a GTO. Well, now do I have a GTO or a LeMans? I would think technically, still a LeMans. Some would call this a GTO “tribute” car. Not a “real” GTO from the factory, but a car that now has many of the GTO features.

Why do I bring this up? Well, there are a few different reasons explained here: One would be when showing the car at a car show and talking to friends and spectators about the car, I should be honest and say that it is a clone or tribute GTO. Second, when trying to sell the car to anybody, honesty is the best policy—always. As a matter of fact, I believe it to be true, that if you do not disclose the fact that you have “cloned” this car into a GTO, you would be opening yourself up for—let’s just say—trouble! Third, there is the insurance issue. I am not an insurance expert at all. I am not an agent with any insurance company, but from what I have learned over the years there are two types of collector or classic car insurance policies out there (and maybe more). One being “stated value” and the second “agreed value”. If this car was to get totaled in an accident, which type of insurance would cover you the best, AND would you get money for your GTO or for your LeMans?

I think where it would really get tricky is where you have a “clone”, purchased it that way and did not know about it when you bought it. This could turn into a real mess in certain situations. The term “tribute car” increasingly is widely accepted to refer to a car that was a relatively common model but made to look like something much rarer. The auction houses routinely use this term. Some of the really rare and sought-after muscle cars were done by dealers at the dealership. For example, a particularly rare 1969 Camaro is so called Yenko Camaro. That featured the L-72 427 cubic inch V8 that was also used in the 1969 Corvette built at the Don Yenko Chevrolet dealership. In the 1967 and 1968 models, Don Yenko dropped in the 427 engine at his dealership, and added other dealer-installed trim and performance items. For 1969, the L-72 engine was installed at the factory via what is called a Central Office Production Order (COPO). Any

COPO Camaro is rare and valuable, but a GENUINE Yenko Camaro with the COPO engine is really valuable. A 1969 claimed as genuine recently appeared on Hemmings for an asking price of \$750,000.

A Yenko "tribute" car, in which the owner did all the same things that Don Yenko did in his dealership and with a correct L-72 engine, is still quite valuable, at least \$60,000 and maybe into 6 figures. But the key is that everyone knows that the tribute car is not a "real" Yenko Camaro.

GAS-SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR AUTO

While it is always wise to conserve natural resources, the recent price of gasoline has made even the most wasteful people think twice. Whatever your motivation, here are some gas saving tips from the pros at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

Monitor tires. Under inflated tires or poorly aligned wheels waste fuel by forcing the engine to work harder. (Let the tires cool down before checking the air pressure.) Out-of-line wheels, as evidenced by uneven tread wear, should be aligned by a professional.

Remove excess weight. Remove unnecessary items from the vehicle. Less weight means better mileage.

Consolidate trips and errands. Some trips may be unnecessary. Also, try to travel when traffic is light so you can avoid stop-and-go conditions.

Avoid excessive idling. Shut off the engine while waiting for friends and family.

Observe speed limits. Speeding decreases your miles per gallon.

Drive gently. Sudden accelerations guzzle gas. Anticipate traffic patterns ahead and adjust your speed gradually.

Use windows and air conditioning wisely. Your mileage should improve if you keep the windows closed at highway speeds, since air drag is reduced. This is true even with the air conditioning on—assuming that the system is in good working order. But turn the air conditioning off in stop-and-go traffic to save fuel.

Keep your engine "tuned up." A well-maintained engine operates at peak efficiency, maximizing gas mileage. Follow the service schedules listed in the owner's manual. Replace filters and fluids as recommended; have engine performance problems (rough idling, poor acceleration, etc.) corrected at a repair facility. Given today's high-tech engines, it's wise to have this type of work done by auto technicians who are ASE certified in engine performance.

These conservation tips will not only save gasoline, they'll help extend the life of your vehicle. Win-win, indeed.

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Next General Meetings at
the Vegas:
July 6 & Aug 3, 2016