

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

May 2016

“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR OVER 20 YEARS”



April Flowers bring May Showers. We’ve had some of those. We’ve had the April flowers and my trees are budding and the May showers, well I guess they will come too! The May meeting will be the first Wed coming up at the Vegas! You can come and enjoy the evening. We will be announcing the upcoming events for the summer. Lots going on and some new and special things will happen. www.dakotacruiser.com and go to the calendar for a list of the activities. Also, a number of the newsletters are archived there.

My projects are keeping me really busy. I am remodeling in the shop. I’m adding a mezzanine or ‘loft’ in the shop. If I would ever get kicked out of the house I will have a place to go!!! (Just kidding)! I am adding it for storage and to have a place to put a lot of my things that are not needed immediately.

The Woody is coming along well. The engine/transmission are in place and the mounts are ‘tacked’ in only. The body mounts were included with the Chassis, but none were welded to it. So with the body on and centered, we now can weld the mount ‘outriggers onto the frame. Then, when all of that is done and the new firewall is made, then we can remove the body to a rotisserie and continue finishing the body work and get the paint under way. I have picked the color, so the next thing will be to paint the car! ‘57 Chevy is delivered to the owners. The ‘40 Chevy is in MT getting the interior installed. 1967 Chevelle has the chassis all done and is awaiting the body work. The ‘78 Ford p/u is awaiting chassis completion and then the body work can continue. So lots going on in my arena.

Next weekend is Prime Steel car show in Grand Forks, and last weekend was Regina car show. It was the 50th anniversary show and it had 287 vehicles registered. Quite a show, it was!!!

Well, let me just say, we are getting anxious to get this summer of Cruiser activities on the road. Wednesday nights at Hardees or at the Vegas will get us started when we do our first ‘Pot-Luck’ cruise to “The Clubhouse”.

All for Now,

George

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As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars.

John M. McHugh

Calendar of Events-May 2016

- 4 Meeting at Vegas Motel-7:30 p.m.
- 6 Noon luncheon call the Hotline
- 6 Moose Lodge Car Show and Burger Bash - parking at 5 p.m.
- 7 BLT Day at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot - car show is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 7 84th Annual Band Day, Williston, ND
- 11 Wednesday night cruise TBA
- 13 Noon Luncheon call the Hotline
- 14 Pioneer Auto Club presents the Acres of Iron Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Main Street, Mandan, ND
- 18 Wednesday night cruise TBA
- 20 Noon Luncheon call the Hotline
- 22 Roughrider Chevrolet Association Show-n-Shine, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bis-Man Elks Lodge 1199, 900 S Washington St, Bismarck, ND
- 22 43rd Annual Art Olson Swap Meet and Car Show, public gates open at 8 a.m., Bonanzaville, West Fargo, ND
- 25 Wednesday night cruise TBA
- 27 Noon Luncheon call the Hotline

Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting
Apr 06., 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 Kendra

III. Treasurer’s Report

IV. Committee Reports.

- A, scholarship signup deadline May 01 2016
B. Motor Magic meeting May 03 2016

V. Raffle Tickets – Arlan & Lisa Krebsbach are taking this over.

VI. Old Business

A. Movie Day will be at Somerset Court on April 09. Movie will Need for Speed. All concessions will be available including popcorn, candy bars and soda pop.

VII. New Business

- A. May 18 BBQ at the clubhouse
B. Car runs in the works Airplane museum, Harley dealership, Flying S ranch.
C. Anyone with trip ideas within a 30 mile distance talk with a board member

VIII Announcements

- A. Next Board and general meeting May 04 2016
B. Moose lodge car show May 6
C. Boys ranch car show May 7
D. Go to website and/or hotline for more updates and schedules
E. Friday lunch: Parker senior center

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 pljevne@yahoo.com.

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

This Old Car.....

(With apologies to "This Old House")

**This ole car once knew some children,
This ole car once knew a wife,
This ole car once knew a husband,
And a merry family life...
But this families trips are over,
Picked a dangerous spot to pass...
Then they saw deaths angel peekin'
Through the broken windshield glass.
Ain't going need this car no more—
Had no time to fix the brakes up,
Had no time to fix the door,
Had no time to fix the steerin'
Or to drive with more restraint...
Aint't going to need this car no longer,
They've been taken to meet the Saint.**



**Accident Prevention Dept.
Employees Mutual of Wausau**

**Courteous of Curt Renfrow
Found in an old Turtle Lake Newspaper**

History of the Sock Hop

A sock hop or sox hop, often also called a record hop or just a hop, was an informal sponsored dance event for teenagers in mid-20th-century North America, featuring popular music.

Sock hops were held as early as 1944 by the American Junior Red Cross to raise funds during World War II. They then became a fad among American teenagers in 1948. Sock hops were commonly held at high schools and other educational institutions, often in the school gym or cafeteria. The term came about because dancers were required to remove their hard-soled shoes to protect the varnished floor of the gymnasium. The music at a sock hop was usually played from vinyl records, sometimes presented by a disc jockey. Occasionally there were also live bands. The popularity of sock hops coined the phrase Bobby soxer; which described the fans of Traditional pop music.

In later years, "hops" became strongly associated with the 1950s and early rock and roll. Danny and the Juniors sang "At the Hop" in 1957, which named many popular dances and otherwise documented what happened at a hop. In subsequent decades, with the widespread popularity of sneakers and other types of

indoors-only shoes, the practice of removing shoes was dropped. The term then came to be applied more generally to any informal dance for teenagers.

Interesting Facts about Cars

<http://www.kickassfacts.com/25-kickass-and-interesting-facts-about-cars/>

1. The Lincoln Town car is the last US luxury car to still use body-on-frame construction, as opposed to a unibody frame, which allows it to be easily lengthened, explaining the car's full domination of the limousine market.
2. Norway has very strict rules on advertising cars as "green," saying "cars can do nothing good for the environment except less damage than others."
3. When Oprah gave the audience cars back in 2004, they were not really free. They had to pay about \$6,000 in federal and income taxes. Some people paid the taxes by taking out car loans; others traded their new Pontiacs for cheaper, less souped-up cars.
4. A Greek taxi driver has the highest recorded mileage to date (2.9 million miles) on a Mercedes. He donated his car to the museum, and he was gifted a new car.
5. Mr. Rodgers' car was once stolen. The thief returned it back to him after he realized whose car it was.
6. Honda Prelude was the first mass produced car that featured a mechanical 4-wheel steering system. In its debut year it beat every car in the slalom test, including Porsche and Ferrari.
7. The Soviet Union allowed theaters to play *The Grapes of Wrath* because of its depiction of the plight of the poor under capitalism, but it was later withdrawn because Russian audiences were amazed that even the poorest Americans could afford a car.
8. In 2002 a car was reported running off the road in Surrey, England by multiple witnesses. Police arrived, but found no signs of a crash. After a careful search the car and driver were finally found but it was determined the accident occurred 5 months earlier.
9. In 2007, 20-year-old Florida kid named Ryan Holle was sentenced to life without parole for lending his car to a friend, who then murdered an 18-year-old girl.
10. Residents of Churchill, Canada leave their cars unlocked to offer an escape for pedestrians who might encounter polar bears on Main Street.
11. Little Tikes, red and yellow Cozy Coupe toy car reached 6 million units in sales by its 25th anniversary in 2004, and was called the "world's best-selling car for much of this decade" by *The New York Times* in 1998, outselling the Honda Accord and Ford Taurus.
12. It is legal in California to drive a motorcycle between two cars in their lane (lane splitting) and only 53% of state residents know that it is legal.
13. The first car to use a rear-view mirror was driven by inaugural Indy 500 winner Ray Harroun in 1911 to see the cars catching up behind him.
14. In 1941, more than three million cars were manufactured in the United States. Only 139 more were manufactured during World War 2.
15. In many states in USA, you can be charged with a DUI even if the car is parked and you're sleeping while drunk.
16. During the 1978 Formula One, there was a car named BT46B "fan car." Fans were used to suck air out from under the car. Air-tight 'hover-car like' skirts allowed the fans to develop negative pressure beneath the chassis. This effectively allowed the car to 'stick to the road'. It won its only race before being banned.
17. The US gas guzzler tax that was designed to discourage fuel-inefficient vehicles only applies to cars, but not SUVs, trucks, and vans, since they were rarely used as passenger cars when the law was passed in 1978. The law has since not been updated to reflect modern times.
18. In Sweden, your car headlights have to be on at all times when driving, even in broad daylight
19. About 75% of the cars that Rolls Royce has ever produced are still on the road.
20. In 2006, the Indy Car Series switched over to Honda engines and since then, there have been no Indy Car engine failures.
21. South African residents can legally attach small flamethrowers to the side of their cars to provide defense against carjackers.
22. You can instantly cool down a car that has been sitting under the sun by rolling down the window on one side and opening and closing the door on the other side five to six times.
23. Bridget Driscoll received instant notoriety when she stepped off the curb and into the history books on August 17th 1896. Mrs Driscoll, a 44 year old housewife, who was travelling from Old Town, Croydon to a folk-dancing display in Crystal Palace, became the first pedestrian in the UK to be killed by a car. She was hit by a demonstration car travelling at 4mph. She died within minutes of receiving a head injury
24. Your car remote can lose synchronization with the car and become useless if a button is pressed more than 256 times when the remote is out of range.

25. The ignition on all Porsches is located on the left side of the wheel. This is because back when Porsche was primarily a racing team, the driver could save a fraction of a second by starting the car with his left hand, while simultaneously switching the car into gear with his right hand.

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**Next General Meetings at
the Vegas:
May 4 & June 1, 2016**