

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

November 2015

“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR 20 PLUS YEARS”



Well the coming month or so will be a critical one for the Club. We have a lot going on for our future interests. What can that be, you might ask? Well a few things are on the front of my mind. First of all, we will be holding elections and we will be electing three board members and

most importantly, a Club Secretary. Lynn Amundson has done a superb job and has shown great leadership as Secretary for the past number of years. She extended two years past where we had agreed. So in advance, thanks Lynn. But now we move forward with club leadership and now it's time for someone new. Be thinking for us.

The second thing of significance will be selecting the possible transition of moving the Season Finale for 2016 to the Sleep Inn or to stay at “The Vegas”. We are looking at the Pro's and Cons of moving the annual event, but to be fair to all members, we will be putting this issue to a vote at the November meeting. The list of advantages and disadvantages will be available prior to the vote.

Another thing—minor compared to the above decisions—but we will be auctioning off the Crate Motor from Ryan Chevrolet. The fellow that won the engine decided to take the money. So our opening bid of \$1,300 will start things off. By live auction---must be paid for that evening or the next day.

We went on the bus trip to Warroad, MN to see the Bob Marvin Collection. “The Shed” is the name of the building and the collection. Rick and Doug were our hosts and they divided up the group into two and took us around the cars. Some of the ‘ladies’ in our club got to sit in such cars as the rose colored 56 Lincoln from Happy Days T.V. show. That picture might make it into this publication or it will be on the internet for you to see. Anyway, we took about 27 people on the bus. We left at 6 am and returned just about 9 pm, dinner in grand Forks and what a day it was. More about the bus trip at the November meeting.

Myself: Well, I'm still making progress on the '57 convertible. I got the exhaust system completed and now there is a problem with the transmission. It might take a new one because of the output shaft and the yokes that are available do not 'line-up'. So a 700R4 might be in the cards for this car. More to follow on this as the time goes on.

I have my next project in the shop. I've purchased a '51 Ford Woodie Wagon, two door Country Squire. It will have a modern drive-train in it and though it looks pretty rough, it is not. Trust me...!

Another ‘something neat’ coming up will be Annual Christmas Party on the second Saturday in December. It will be at “The Grand” and should prove to be another great evening. Cost is only \$20 per person.

Well, all for now. Have a nice holiday season with thanksgiving and Christmas coming along.

George

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FYI

1. I would like to thank everyone that opened their garages for the Season Finale garage tours and that helped me out at Finale. Without all of you it couldn't happen. Dave Alberts
2. We will be raffling the motor at Nov. meeting starting bid of \$1300.00
3. Elections of Officers and Board make your voice heard, run for office or nominate someone that will!
4. Christmas party \$20.00 per person before Dec. 2.

Calendar of Events-November

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| 4 | Meeting at the Vegas - 7:30 p.m. - come early if you want to eat- Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Noon lunch call the Hotline |
| 11 | Veteran's Day - Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South |
| 13 | Noon lunch call the Hotline |
| 18 | Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South |
| 20 | Noon lunch call the Hotline |
| 25 | Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South |
| 26 | Thanksgiving |
| 27 | Noon lunch call the Hotline |

Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting
October 7, 2015
The Vegas

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President George Masters at 7:35 PM.

Board members present George Masters, Cara Olson, Dave Alberts, Lynn Amundson, Ken Amundson, Ron Penfold, Tom Uleberg, Steve Smith, Roger Lee was excused. 56 total in attendance.

Welcome – New member Steve Belcher and daughter.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cara Olson.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Motor Magic – September 5-6** Tom Uleberg and Ron Penfold - Special thanks, to Ron and Tom for heading up this event. Motor Magic is the club's largest fund raising event of the year. The Nova display was a great addition to the show. Gene Mallory suggested having club members volunteer for security during the event. There were some issues with children leaning or pulling on the ropes and stands. The board has voted that the club will share the cost along with the other participants of bringing in the Nascar simulator for next year's event.

B. Season Finale – 2015 & 2016

2015 -There was discussion regarding the voting for guest vehicles only. The attendees were confused as to what vehicles they could vote on. Next year we will have to give more instructional information to the attendees regarding voting. Board members thanked all the members who helped out with registration, food, Show N Shine, bringing door prizes, soliciting businesses for door prizes and Chinese Auction items, garage tour hosts, Rich Solberg for making the Best of Show trophy and an auction item, and all who helped make the 2015 Finale a success.

2016 - Vance & Arlene Castleman from the Sleep Inn presented a proposal to host the Season Finale next year to the board. The Show N Shine would be located in the SW corner of the mall parking lot. The area would be roped off so there would be no through traffic. They would allow the club to bring in our own food for the Friday evening meal, Saturday morning donuts, and Saturday lunch. The Saturday evening meal would be catered by either Home Town Elegance or Homesteaders who are preferred vendors of the Sleep Inn. Sunday morning breakfast would be prepared by the Sleep Inn. A block of rooms would be reserved and discounted 20 to 30% for registered attendees. Bringing in our own entertainment for Saturday night was no problem, Free coffee and soda would be provided during the event. Vance stated he would match any services and pricing that we had this year from Sevens and The Vegas.

Discussion regarding staying at The Vegas and Sevens included allowing us to use the coolers etc. to store our food, providing us with free use of the monthly meeting room and rooms for Season Finale. And if we moved the event to a different location in 2016 would they be willing to offer us what they have in the past if we wanted to return?

The membership will be voting via written ballot at the November general meeting on the choice of staying at The Vegas and Sevens or moving to The Sleep Inn for the 2016 Season Finale. There was much discussion on the two choices. Each member should weigh the pros and cons of the two locations and vote for their choice.

C. Christmas Party, The Grand – December 12 George Masters, Cara Olson, Rita Webb

Cost is \$20/person. The price goes up after December 2. Cara will be taking payments starting tonight.

V. Raffle Tickets - Arlan & Lisa Krebsbach have volunteered to take over the responsibility of raffle tickets sales for 2016. A total of 5,200 tickets were sold this year. Ed Zumbaum was the high seller with 29 books. The winner of the motor has opted to take the \$1000 cash so the motor will be raffled at the November general meeting with a starting bid of \$1,300

VI. Old Business

- **Bus Trip to Warroad** – There are now 28 people signed up. The balance due of \$25/person should be paid tonight or as soon as possible.

VII. New Business

A. Cars of the Year for 2016 – Ken Gorze 1960 Cadillac, Greg & Cara Olson 1949 Chevy.

B. Annual Christmas Donation – Letters of request need to be submitted to the board by November 4th. General requirements are something relating to Christmas, families, and children.

C. Officers & Board Members – Board members who have agreed to stay on for 2016-

President – George

Vice President – Dave

Treasurer – Cara

Up for election: Secretary

Board positions (3) held by Ken, Ron, and Roger.

There were no nominations for secretary

Board position nominations:

Ken Amundson, was nominated by Steve Smith, seconded by Floyd Lien.

Bill Klimpel was nominated by Lenny Salseg, seconded by Marlan Braatvold. Bill declined.

Arlan Krebsbach was nominated by Joe Uhrmacher, seconded by Ken Amundson. Arlan declined.

Craig Eraas was nominated by Lisa Krebsbach, seconded by Arlan Krebsbach.

Greg Olson was nominated by Lynn Amundson, seconded by Steve Smith.

Additional nominations will be taken at the November general meeting, immediately followed by voting via written ballot.

Next Board Meeting: Nov, 4 – 6:00 PM The Vegas

Next General Meeting: Nov. 4 – 7:30 PM The Vegas

Classic Car Auction – Oct. 17 The Bismarck Civic Center

Bus trip to Warroad MN: Oct. 24

Website or hotline (852-KARS) for more updates and schedules.

Friday lunch – Parker Senior Center (Oct. 9th)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Amundson, Secretary

Henry 'Smokey' Yunick

Racing Legend Smokey Yunick Dies - May 9, 2001

Article courtesy of THE DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL; Thursday, May 10, 2001, Godwin Kelly



DAYTONA BEACH - **Henry "Smokey" Yunick**, one of auto racing's most brilliant mechanics and innovators, died early Wednesday morning at his home after a year-long battle with leukemia. Yunick, 77, was born in Neshaminy, Pa., and settled here in 1946 after serving as an Air force bomber pilot in World War II. His first glimpse of Daytona Beach was from a pilot's seat in a B-17. After one look, he decided to call this area home once his tour of service was complete.

In 1947, he opened an automobile repair shop on Beach Street he dubbed "The Best Damn Garage in Town."

He closed the garage to the public in the mid-1980s but continued work on his research and development projects. Yunick quickly became a major player in the racing community here, boasting several big victories on the old beach-road course before winning both the Daytona 500 as a car owner and the Indianapolis 500 as a mechanic. His black Pontiacs with gold trim twice claimed the Daytona 500, with Marvin Panch in 1961 and Daytona native **Fireball Roberts** in '62. Yunick's cars won four of the first eight Winston Cup races at Daytona International Speedway. Turning the clock back even further, Yunick was the chief mechanic for Herb Thomas, who won Winston Cup (then known as Strictly Stock) championships in 1951 and '53. According to the Stock Car Racing Encyclopedia, Yunick had 61 starts as a car owner, scoring eight career victories. He won more than 50 times as a

crew chief, chief mechanic or engine builder. He scored 49 victories working with Thomas in the early 1950s. Yunick was especially fond of bending the NASCAR rule book. In 1968 during Speed Weeks, NASCAR officials pulled the gas tank out of his Pontiac after they thought his car was getting excessive fuel mileage. After passing a rigid inspection, Yunick got in the car-- with the gas tank lying on the ground -- fired it up and drove back to his space in the garage area, leaving NASCAR inspectors dumbfounded.

"Smokey looked and saw where the NASCAR rule book wouldn't define something and he'd make his own improvisations," said Bobby Allison, who made a couple of starts in Yunick-prepared cars. "There's that gas tank story. The gas tank was the right size but he made the fuel line so it held a couple of gallons of gas. So he was able to drive away without the gas tank. I don't want to say he didn't step outside the lines, but he was really smart about those things."

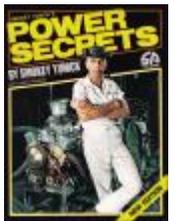
Racing was fun for Yunick. Building a car from the ground up to assault Indianapolis Motor Speedway was his absolute first love. His open-wheel creations made 10 appearances at the famed Brickyard between 1958 and 1975. He won the Indy 500 in 1960 when the car he prepared carried Jim Rathmann to Victory Lane. In 1959 he brought a car with the engine turned upside down. He called it the Reverse Torque Special. The car finished seventh. In 1964 he showed up at Indy with the strangest machine ever to turn laps at the 2.5-mile track. It was his "sidesaddle" car wheeled by Bobby Johns. "The whole car was built out of backyard kind of stuff," said Yunick.

Yunick worked with some of the greatest race car drivers in the 20th century, including Hall of Famers Tim Flock, Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Curtis Turner, Bobby Unser, Buck Baker, **Fireball Roberts** and Paul Goldsmith, who captured the last Daytona Beach-road course race in 1958.

Tired of what he perceived as politics in stock-car racing, Yunick stopped fielding a Winston Cup entry in 1970 after a heated argument with NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. Even though the two racing giants lived in the same town, they hardly spoke to each other for the next 20 years. France died in 1992.

Yunick was easy to recognize. Most of the time he would be dressed in a bright white overalls and a cowboy hat as he chewed on a corn cob pipe. "Smokey was quite a character," said Tony George, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "That's what racing needs today, more characters. He will be missed."

Yunick had no formal education but was considered one of the top minds in automobile engine design. He helped develop Chevrolet's original small-block engine in 1955. The basic blueprints of that design are still used in racing to this day. He also did research and development on hydraulics, fuel intakes and engine mileage. He built an engine in the 1970's that he boasted could go nearly 100 miles on a gallon of regular gasoline. He also was interested in creating other gadgets. During the energy crisis in the mid-1970s, he built a windmill and solar panel over his shop hoping to generate enough electricity to power his business.



Yunick was never afraid of a microphone or stating his honest opinion. "He never wanted for words, whether it was a cuss word or a nice word," said **Ray Fox**, who worked with Yunick in the 1950's before starting his own racing operation. "He was one heck of a guy."

Motorcycle racing was Yunick's first foray into the speed business. At 16, he had a short career but earned his nickname by piloting a motorcycle with an engine that smoked. A fellow competitor who had trouble remembering Yunick's first name simply called him "Smokey."

Despite failing health, Yunick continued to frequent racetracks across the country, with his wife Margie by his side, as a spokesman for an oil additive. Most recently Yunick was working on two projects. The first was writing a book dealing with his life and racing exploits. The three-volume work will be released July 6. "The people who knew how things really were in racing's early days were all gone," said Yunick, explaining why he wrote the tell-all trilogy. He penned numerous magazine articles during his long career. He had the ear of Detroit's automakers and even found time to do some consulting work for NASA.

His other recent project was leading a charge for improved safety measures in racing. Yunick was preparing a round-table discussion of safety issues with some of the industry's top names at a conference in Indianapolis in November.

Yunick was in the first group of 20 men inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1990.

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