

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

October 2016

“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR OVER 20 YEARS”



Well as I write this I am on vacation in Bethlehem, PA. Last week I went to Washington, DC, then up to Baltimore, MD to see my brother John and his wife, Norah, then I went up to Bethlehem PA to see my brother Donald and his wife Jane. We then went up to Newport, RI where we toured the town. I got to see an automotive collection that was second to none. A real museum with about 20 cars in it (1955 Mercedes GullWing coupe, a Delehay, 56 Eldorado Barritz conv., a Tucker (#48) and those are just a few). After two nights of lobster and shrimp, we headed back to Bethlehem. Now it's a few days of enjoying family and friends. I'm trying to get to meet Mario Andretti and see his private collection. If I do, I will be presenting him something on behalf of the Club. Maybe even go and meet Michael Andretti. More on that later!

Winter storage tips have been advertised and posted on the web site, and in this newsletter so check them out. We have room in the club house this year for your cars if you need storage. Cost is still \$50.00 per month and almost everybody goes from Nov 1 thru April 30th. I will be flexible with entry and exit if you wish. Temps in the clubhouse stay around 60 to 65 degrees all winter. Club membership is a requirement and cars must be in running condition. Bring a drip pan for under your car and be prepared to disconnect your battery. Call me to reserve your spot!

We had to cancel the Fall Presidents Cruise to Ray, ND, Darryl Myers collection at his request. He has asked for us to come in Spring, so that's what we will do. He'll have his new toy by then! Thanks to all members who helped with Motor Magic and the Season Finale. Both events were tremendous events and we are already setting up some things for 2017 MM and SF. We have decided that the 2017 Season Finale will be two weeks after Labor Day. Those dates are September Friday the 15th, Saturday the 16th, and Sunday breakfast, Sept 17th. Mark your calendars and tell all children and relatives not to schedule any weddings on that weekend!!! That's all for now, so be safe and remember that we meet all year round. First Wed is at the Vegas with the monthly meeting and then the other Wednesday evenings we meet at Hardees---yes, all year long.

Time to think of new leadership for the officers and Board. Also in November we will be auctioning off the GM crate motor because the winner of the drawing has opted to take the cash.

George



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When you stop expecting people to be perfect, you can like

them for who they are.

On behalf of our members and friends I would like to say thank you for the great time we had at Dakota Cruisers Season Finale, registration was a breeze and everyone had a great time. We look forward to seeing you again for next year's Finale.

Thanks again,

Dave Burba
President
Road Rebels

Season Finale



The Cars of Grease

When people discuss car movies, someone eventually brings up *Grease*. Yet, this 1978 trip down memory lane never really discusses the cars. Sure, they are vaguely in the songs, but they are not critical to the story like the Bandit's 1977 Trans Am, or Memphis Raines' GT500 Eleanor. With that said, *Grease* does offer the grease monkey a visual buffet of 1950s American iron.



The first car to appear in the movie is the Pink Ladies' 1948 Studebaker Commander Regal. It looks to be in decent shape, but is nothing more than transportation to the Ladies. It is never talked about in the movie, and is seen again only once at the pep rally.

During the outdoor scenes, you can see roads and lots full of tri-five Chevys and later Thunderbirds. You can get a real sense of the years the producers were aiming for, as the "pregnant-elephant" cars of the late 1940s are almost nonexistent, yet the "wider, lower, longer" design ethos of the early 1960s does not appear at all.

Now, what you really came here for: Thunder Road. Leo, leader of the rival Scorpions, drives a sweet 1949 Mercury Custom. This Custom has some custom work done. The obvious touches are the sinister black paint with flames, and extra chrome work. Leo lights up the flamethrowers out the tailpipes every time he takes off, so he must have been filling up the tank every few hours. Who cares when gas is 29 cents a gallon, right? The only other visual clue is a Firestone sticker on the window. It was probably free with his last set of bias-ply whitewall tires. The last clue we have about the Merc' is the sound. It has a mean lope at idle, but quite a rasp under acceleration. It sounds like a smaller v8, with a high lift cam, and some glasspacks out back.

Fortunately for Danny, he and the T Birds brought out a newly restored and upgraded (literally 3 hours before the race) Greased Lightning. This is the same car that Kenickie bought with his summer job money early in the movie, a 1948 Ford Deluxe. The Lightning is a bit confusing, as Danny sings about its "four on the floor" manual transmission, but he is shown using its column shift at the race. Also interesting is the choice to use another '48 Ford for the custom red fiberglass hotrod, although that one had about a hundred thousand dollars dropped on it. More than the T Birds could afford.

Still, the '50s were another time, when a guy in high school could buy a car that is less than ten years old by working for one summer. Maybe it was a better time, at least for grease monkeys.

The Most Famous Car from *Grease*, Nicknamed the Hell's Chariot, was driven by Travolta's character Danny Zuko's arch rival Craterface - leader of the Scorpions- in the film/musical.

<https://www.quora.com/What-cars-were-used-in-the-movie-Grease>



Rita receiving her new purse from Dave. It's a classic. She may burrow it out if you have a special occasion.



Tips for storing your Classic Automobile

I dug this up on the internet and thought it might help someone who questions some of these items. FROM: Mecum InfoNet

****George****

You've rebuilt, nurtured and invested your heart and soul. This car is your pride and joy.

Now it's time to store your classic.

Follow these tips to keep your hot rod, muscle or collector car running its best when the off-season ends:

ALWAYS FILL THE TANK WITH FRESH GAS

Old gas breaks down over time and can lead to gummed-up or varnished fuel lines, carburetors and injectors. But simply draining fuel before storage is a bad idea, as it will expose bare metal in your car's tank and fuel system to air and moisture. This is how rust, corrosion, dried gaskets and leaks begin.

To avoid both situations, fill your fuel tank 95% full with FRESH fuel. Then add a quality fuel stabilizer to keep the gas fresh for as long as 12 months.

CHANGE YOUR ENGINE OIL AND TRANSMISSION FLUID

Over time, acids, dirt and water accumulate inside engine oil and transmission fluid. Because engine oil acts as a waste collector for elements that break down while you're driving, unburned fuel, unspent exhaust gases and water vapor are trapped inside your engine.

During months-long storage, some of these chemicals eventually break down the viscosity of old engine oil and transmission fluid, and can even begin to corrode metal surfaces.

LUBRICATE HOOD LATCHES AND DOOR LOCKS

Use a dry lubricant like a graphite-based cable lube or Dri-Slide.

REMOVE OR PROTECT THE BATTERY

When not being used on a regular basis, a battery will gradually lose its charge. Options for preventing this include:

- Removing the battery

- Disconnecting cables

- Attaching a battery tender— a small "smart" charger that automatically turns on and off as needed to prevent overcharging

KEEP YOUR TIRES OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT

Rubber is sensitive to ultraviolet light, and prolonged exposure to UV light will cause tires to crack, split and fail prematurely.

In addition to avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun, you can help prevent "dry rot" and flat spots by inflating tires to their proper level before storage.

THOROUGHLY CLEAN ALL PARTS

Start when the engine is cool, and carefully remove all road grime, grease, tar, stains, and bugs from all painted surfaces, chromed parts, and wheels. Make sure you use high quality cleaners. Once your car is clean and dry, apply a polish to all painted and exposed metal surfaces to protect your finish from color fade caused by UV light.

STORE YOUR CAR IN A LOW-TRAFFIC AREA

Ideally, you should store your car in a garage or other enclosed area where it's unlikely to get dented and will be protected from snow, ice, freezing rain and wild temperature variances.

If indoor storage is not an option, be sure to get a form-fitting, breathable car cover. Your local auto parts or service store should be able to help find just the right fit and material for your beloved beauty.

Calendar of Events

October 2016

- 1 Annual Majestics Indoor Swap Meet, Regina, Sask.
- 5 monthly meeting at the Vegas - 7:30 p.m. - come early if you want to eat- Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 7 noon lunch call the Hotline
- 12 Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
- 14 Friday luncheon - call the hotline
- 19 Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
- 21 Friday luncheon - call the hotline
- 26 Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
- 28 Friday luncheon - call the hotline
- 31 Happy Halloween!!



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Next General Meetings at
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Oct 5 & Nov 2, 2016

