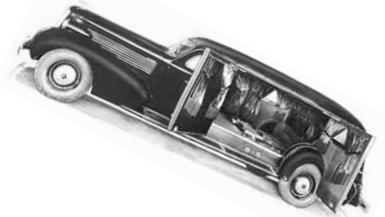


# DAKOTA CRUISERS



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

October 2015

“SHIFT’N GEARS FOR 20 PLUS YEARS”



Well, what a whirlwind month! Motor Magic at the beginning, Season Finale in the middle, and now let's see what happens at the end!

I know a few things: 1) Motor Magic was a huge success! The car show was terrific and I believe the fund raising that took place for the club was above and beyond success. The car show at Motor Magic is our largest fund raiser for the year. If you notice, we do not have 'car washes', bake sales, etc. to raise money, we have Motor Magic! My auction was also a success and things move on as best possible. I have sold the auction to Randy and Kathy who helped me out since I purchased it a number of years ago. They will continue on in a fine manner I am sure.

2) Season Finale: Another huge success. Thanks to all for the time and effort that all of you have put into making this event one that we can be proud of. Only a few minor glitches were quickly snuffed out by the capable people in charge. Your Board did an outstanding job of making the event appear to go off without a hitch! However, with that being said, next year's Finale will be run by a new group of folks. If you liked what you saw, PLEASE be willing to step up to the plate and take charge of an area of the Finale. The Board will NOT be doing it again. Possibly some of "you" Lifetime members that have enjoyed it for a number of years-can step up now.

Depending on the willingness of you all, will depend on the future of Season Finale's. Drastic Measure----YES! The Wednesday night after critique was a huge success. Potluck, yes, but the old grill was rejuvenated and the steaks were cooked to perfection! Thanks to all that helped make this Wednesday wrap-up another success. Well, I've said enough for now. Please re-read what I've said above. We are serious about future Finale's.

George

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### Attention Please

COME ONE-COME ALL!!!! October 24th (a Saturday) we will be chartering a bus from Northland bus to travel up to Warroad, MN to see the fantastic collection of the owner of Marvin Windows—Bob Marvin. I have been there and it is tremendous. Cost is only \$50.00 with us requiring a \$25.00 deposit to hold your seat. We need about 30 riders to make this trip happen. I hope you can join in for this fun day. Masters Auctions will be providing all non-alcoholic drinks and snacks for the trip. We have close to 20 already signed up. Come and enjoy---and bring your wife if you would like! Open to Dakota Cruiser members at this point. Call George if you are interested at 240-6771 GOOGLE "The Shed" to get a vehicle preview. Don't wait till it's too late!



A woman whose husband often came home drunk decided to cure him of the habit. One Halloween night, she put on a devil suit and hid behind a tree to intercept him on the way home.

When her husband came by, she jumped out and stood before him with her red horns, long tail, and pitchfork.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I'm the Devil!" she responded.

"Well, come on home with me," he said, "I married your sister!"

## Minutes of the Dakota Cruisers General Meeting

September 2, 2015

The Vegas

### I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President George Masters at 7:30 PM.

Board members present were George Masters, Dave Alberts, Tom Uleberg, Ron Penfold, Cara Olson and Steve Smith. Roger Lee, Ken & Lynn Amundson were excused.

### II. Welcome to all members and guests. Pledge of Alligence. Guests - Jim & Judy from Green, Kansas, the owners of the Chevy Nova's that will be on display at the Motor Magic Car Show. Tory & Cheryl from Iowa, owners of the Nascar simulator. The price is \$10 for 10 laps and whoever gets the fastest lap will receive \$100 cash. There is a total of 82 people present.

### III. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

### IV. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Starting balance \$947.54, deposited \$1,681.54, \$1,913.90 in disbursements. Ending balance on 8/31/15 - \$715.18 in checking and \$5,129.16 in savings.

### V. Committee Leaders and Reports

- A. Motor Magic** – September 5-6, 2015. Tom Uleberg & Ron Penfold. Doors open at 8:15 and 8:30 AM on Friday, September 4 for car show participants. Chili and subs will be available for Dakota Cruiser workers. George is doing a radio spot on KGO. On September 3, George will be on the KXMC Noon show. Car show times are: Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Go to motormagic.net for schedule of times for all events. The auction is at capacity. Helicopter rides will be at Herslip Construction. Oliver tractor display by Gooseneck Implement. Tuff Trucks will have 30-50 trucks on display. Robbies Dyno will be set up Saturday only. RC trucks and cars will be on display inside the building and they will also have a racetrack set up. The military display is already set up. Keller Paving donated a sand pile for the kids. Tom Carson is going to deliver a van from the Trading Post for the kids to paint. Car auction is at 12 noon on Sunday.
- B. Season Finale** – September 18-20, 2015 – DC Board –All lifetime members must fill out a hard copy registration. Members are asked to bring a dessert to the Friday evening meal. Reeser's is donating all the salads again this year. Door prizes should be turned in to Ken & Lynn Amundson by Wednesday, September 16. Dave Alberts has a list of who signed up to solicit from business places. Volunteers are needed to help out on the various committees. Ron Penfold needs volunteers to help serve the food. Please contact one of the committee chairs for the activity that you would like to help with.

#### Committee Chairs:

**Registration** – Cara Olson, Steve Smith

**Raffle Tickets** – Dave Alberts

**Garage Tours** – Dave Alberts

**Meals** – Ron Penfold, Tom Uleberg

**Hot Rod Rodeo** – Roger Lee

**Chinese Auction** – Ken & Lynn Amundson

- C. Christmas Party** December 12, 2015, Grand Hotel – George Masters, Cara Olson, Menu-Rita Webb.

### VI. Raffle Tickets for 2015

– Between 3,500-4,000 of the 5,000 tickets printed have been issued at this time. We may have to order more tickets to sell at Season Finale.

### VII. Old Business

- A. Motor Magic** – need help working admission, and clothing

- B. Bus Trip to The Shed, Warroad, MN** – Saturday, October 24. A 46 passenger bus will be booked for a one day trip to The Shed, owner Bob Marvin. Cost will be a total of \$50 per person with a \$25 deposit

per person due to reserve seating. Masters Restorations will be providing food and beverages. To date we have 20 who have signed up and paid the deposit, so the trip is on. See Cara for sign up.

#### **VIII. New Business**

**A. Nominations for board members and officers** – Seats up for election are Ken Amundson, Roger Lee, and Ron Penfold. Ron Penfold is not running again. Nominations will be taken at the October meeting with elections held at the November meeting.

#### **IX. Announcements**

- A.** Next board meeting October 7 – 6 PM The Vegas
- B.** Next general meeting October 7 -7:30 PM The Vegas
- C.** Marketplace – September 9
- D.** Car show Antler – September 12
- E.** Clubhouse critique (potluck) – September 23
- F.** Hardees – September 30

Call hotline (852-KARS) or check the websites for updates and other events.

Look at the clothing that Joe & Dennis have at the meeting. There is one neon sign left. He also has Dakota Cruiser license plates powder coated in black and white.

**X. NSRA Inspections tonight.**

**XI. Adjournment: 7:54 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smith, Board Member

### **The History of the Hearse**

It was not until the beginning of the 20th century and the invention of the motorized vehicle that hearses received a tremendous updating. On May 1, 1908 the General Vehicle Company of New York rolled out the first electric hearse. But by 1909, Crane and Breed had introduced the first motorized mass produced funeral coach called the Auto Hearse.

This was also the first year that a totally motorized funeral was held. When Chicago resident Wilfrid A. Pruyn died, H.D. Ludlow, a local ambulance and funeral service, agreed to furnish a motorized hearse. Since Ludlow did not have one, he had one built by the C.A. Coey Auto Livery Company. Coey adapted a horse drawn hearse by placing the framework on the chassis of an opera bus.

The 1920's brought about several changes and adaptations to the motorized hearse. In 1920, hearses were beginning to resemble the passenger limousine that was popular with the well to do.

Three-way coaches were introduced near the end of the Roaring 20s. This allowed the casket table to move in order to be loaded and unloaded from either side of the hearse, or through the back door. Since streets were still unpaved, people liked the convenience of being able to load and unload the casket out of the mud. During the Art Deco Movement of the 1930s, art-carved hearses became popular. These hearses featured hand-carved wooden panels that resembled heavily draped curtains and were placed on the side windows for privacy. This style of hearse was made until the late 1940's.

In 1938, Sayers and Scovill introduced the landau style of hearse. Landau is a term from the Victorian era, which meant carriage bars that could fold and unfold, opening up part of the carriage to the elements. It was adapted to the motorized vehicle creating a semi-convertible where the rear quarter of the car could be opened up by folding the cover at the landau joints.

The funeral industry embraced the look and the leather-backed hearse with its faux landau bar became popular. Today, the S-shaped landau bars are still visible on many hearses.

Funeral coach production was on the increase when WWII broke out and factories were converted for wartime production. By the end of the war, many funeral coach companies had experienced financial losses and were forced to close.

After the war, landau and limousine style hearses were both popular. Draperies lost some of their intricate draping and became sleeker and straighter based on the look of airline drapes. During the 1970'S, hearses were downsized due to the gasoline crisis.

Until the end of the '70s, it was typical for a hearse to be built on combination a chassis, (usually Cadillac) meaning that the professional framework was constructed for use as a hearse or an ambulance. The rear compartment was then fitted to carry either a gurney or casket.

Funeral coaches were downsized again at the end of the 1990's and today some modern fleets, especially in Europe include medium sized vans that have been converted into funeral hearses. In Europe, the limousine style is preferred with lots of glass and few draperies allowing the windows to be unobscured. In the U.S, the landau style is still popular, bearing the trademark leather or vinyl roof with the faux S-shaped bars, and curtains at the windows. The windows may also be frosted or opaque without curtains. Some hearses have skylights, sidewall decorations and track lighting. Current versions are boxy in the rear, resembling a car and van in the styling. The current cost of a hearse is around \$100,000.

#### Calendar of Events

#### October 2015

- 2 Friday luncheon - call the hotline
- 3-4 [Makoti Threshing Show](#) - parade at 1:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- 3 [Annual Majestics Indoor Swap Meet](#), Regina, Sask.
- 7 monthly meeting at the Vegas - 7:30 p.m. - come early if you want to eat- Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 9 noon lunch call the Hotline
- 14 Wednesday night cruise to Hardees South
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- 31 Happy Halloween!!



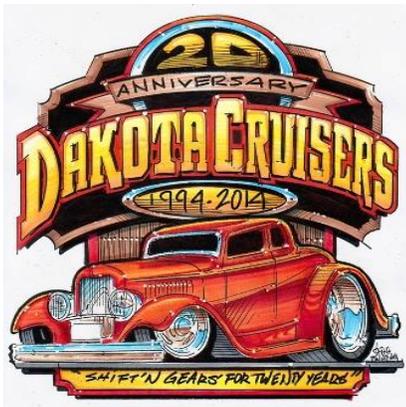
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Next General Meetings at the  
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.Oct 7 & Nov 4, 2015

